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**Prince William says
emotional reaction
to Queen's death
reveals how much
public loved her**



**'THE QUEEN WAS
LIKE EVERYONE'S
GRANDMOTHER'**

Walk rekindled memories



Flower girl... Kate helps Elizabeth Sulkovska, eight, leave a bouquet and cuddly corgi; well-wishers greet the Royal couple, left; sea of tributes at the Norwich Gates, below

EMOTIONAL Prince William admitted he had realised that the Queen was "everyone's grandmother", as the nation's grief at her death continued.

Tens of thousands more mourners joined a queue more than four miles long through central London to see her lying in state at Westminster Hall.

On a visit to a sea of floral tributes left at Sandringham, the Prince of Wales spoke about the difficulties of the week since the Queen died.

He admitted that following her coffin had been "very difficult" and had rekindled memories of his mother's funeral 25 years ago.

Speaking to well-wishers outside the Norfolk royal residence, William said he was "shaken" during the walk from Buckingham Palace.

Having Her Majesty passed into the care of the nation was a "very difficult day", he said.

When a member of the crowd told the emotional Prince how close to tears she was, the heir said: "Don't cry now - you'll start me."

William, who also paced behind Princess Diana's coffin in 1997, admitted yesterday that he had found the Queen's procession "challenging".

One mourner Jane Wells, 54, from Lincolnshire, said: "He said how difficult it was...and how it reminded him of his mum's funeral... of Diana. He said it had been very difficult. Catherine and Wills have just

By **Michael Knowles**
At Sandringham House

been through such a difficult time, for all of them, for the whole family.

"I said 'Your mother would be so proud of you, and thank you for sharing your grief with us' and he said, 'I'm learning that she was everyone's grandmother - the way people have reacted'."

The Prince was heard saying the day "brought back a few memories", while he told another mourner he thought the Queen "was going to go on forever".

The future King added: "It's one of these moments where you kinda think to yourself 'I've prepared myself for this but I'm not that prepared'."

"It's this weird kind of thing...because we knew she was 96."

The Royal couple revealed they are



Flashback... Earl Spencer and Princes William, Harry and Charles follow Diana

been trying to keep life as normal as possible for their children Prince George, nine, Princess Charlotte, seven, and four-year-old Prince Louis.

The heir to the throne had walked alongside his brother Prince Harry in the procession from the Palace.

Both the Prince and Princess of Wales were visibly moved as they entered the Hall where Her Majesty's coffin will lie in state until Monday morning.

Another bystander Nettie Wells, 90, said yesterday: "You could see he looked very emotional and very overwhelmed. He thanked me for coming."

Kim Theobald, 65, from Leicestershire, said: "He told me they were getting through it all by clinging to lovely memories of the Queen."

The two Royals spent an hour talking



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of mother Diana's funeral

to crowds after viewing the floral tributes at Sandringham. More than 1,000 people clamoured to pass their condolences on and traffic ground to a halt.

Amanda Horn, 56, Norfolk, said she told Kate: "You look very tired."

The Princess reportedly replied: "We are all very tired but the crowds and peoples' support is keeping us going."

Kate welled up as she led eight-year-old Elizabeth Sulkovska to add flowers and a toy corgi to the hundreds of bouquets at the estate's Norwich Gates.

The tearful schoolgirl said afterwards: "It was really exciting. I didn't think this would happen."

"I was standing with a flag and a toy corgi. She was coming round and said 'Do you want to put the flowers down?' She was so beautiful."

The Prince put a steadying hand on his wife's shoulder as the emotional Princess continued chatting with families as the Royal cars arrived.

They had stayed more than 30 minutes longer than planned.

Well-wisher Katie Ward, 42, said William commented that "even though the Queen was 96, he thought she was going to go on forever."

"They said they are trying to keep things normal for the children."

While another bystander said the heir to his father Charles III told crowds the children are "doing really well".

Kate told one mother that the Royals were heading back to London to "do the school run".

The Princess then added that "the children were settling in well to their new school".

One member of the crowd admitted: "I joked I had to be quick because I had to do the school run. She said she was heading back to London to do it."

Another said that Kate had told her that Prince George had come to understand the loss of his great-grandmother – more so than his younger siblings Charlotte and Louis.

● Prince William has cancelled a visit to New York next Wednesday. He had been due at a summit ahead of the second Earthshot Prize environmental awards.

Royal Family mourning continues for seven days after Monday's funeral.

Tribute...Prince and Princess of Wales study the flowers left at Sandringham



Queen honours NHS

By **Richard Palmer**
Royal Correspondent

HEROES of the NHS response to Covid will be given the honour of walking in front of the Queen's coffin after her state funeral.

Two months after the 96-year-old monarch awarded the George Cross to the organisation for its efforts, especially in the pandemic, the work of its staff will be commemorated in the nation's farewell to the woman whose reign mirrored most of its 74 years.

Health care employees will join the two other collective recipients of the nation's highest award for non-operational gallantry, or gallantry not in the face of an enemy, at the front of the procession from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch on Monday.

They will take pride of place alongside representatives of Malta – awarded the George Cross in 1942 for islanders' heroism in resisting German and Italian forces in the Second World War – and the former Royal Ulster Constabulary now Police Service of Northern Ireland which received the award in 1999 for bravery during the Troubles.

At least two million people are expected to flood into central London for the funeral, which will begin at 11am. Inside the Abbey,



Video call...Queen addresses NHS key staff

where the Queen was married and crowned and which witnessed some of her family's happiest moments at weddings, a 2,000-strong congregation including world leaders and foreign royalty will bear witness to her remarkable life.

The Duke of Norfolk, who in the hereditary position of Earl Marshal is responsible for organising the historic occasion, said: "It is our aim and belief that the state funeral and events of the next few days will unite people across the globe and resonate with people of all faiths, whilst fulfilling Her Majesty and her family's wishes to pay a fitting tribute to an extraordinary reign."

He said that the King had asked him to pass on his and his family's gratitude for the public's support.

The Duke added: "As well as remembering the incredible reign of Elizabeth II our monarch, and being full of hope for the start of the new reign of King Charles III, let us be proud of how our country has come together in recognition of her remarkable legacy; solemnly, respectfully and with such devotion."

The Earl Marshal and Buckingham Palace officials yesterday released further details of the funeral arrangements.

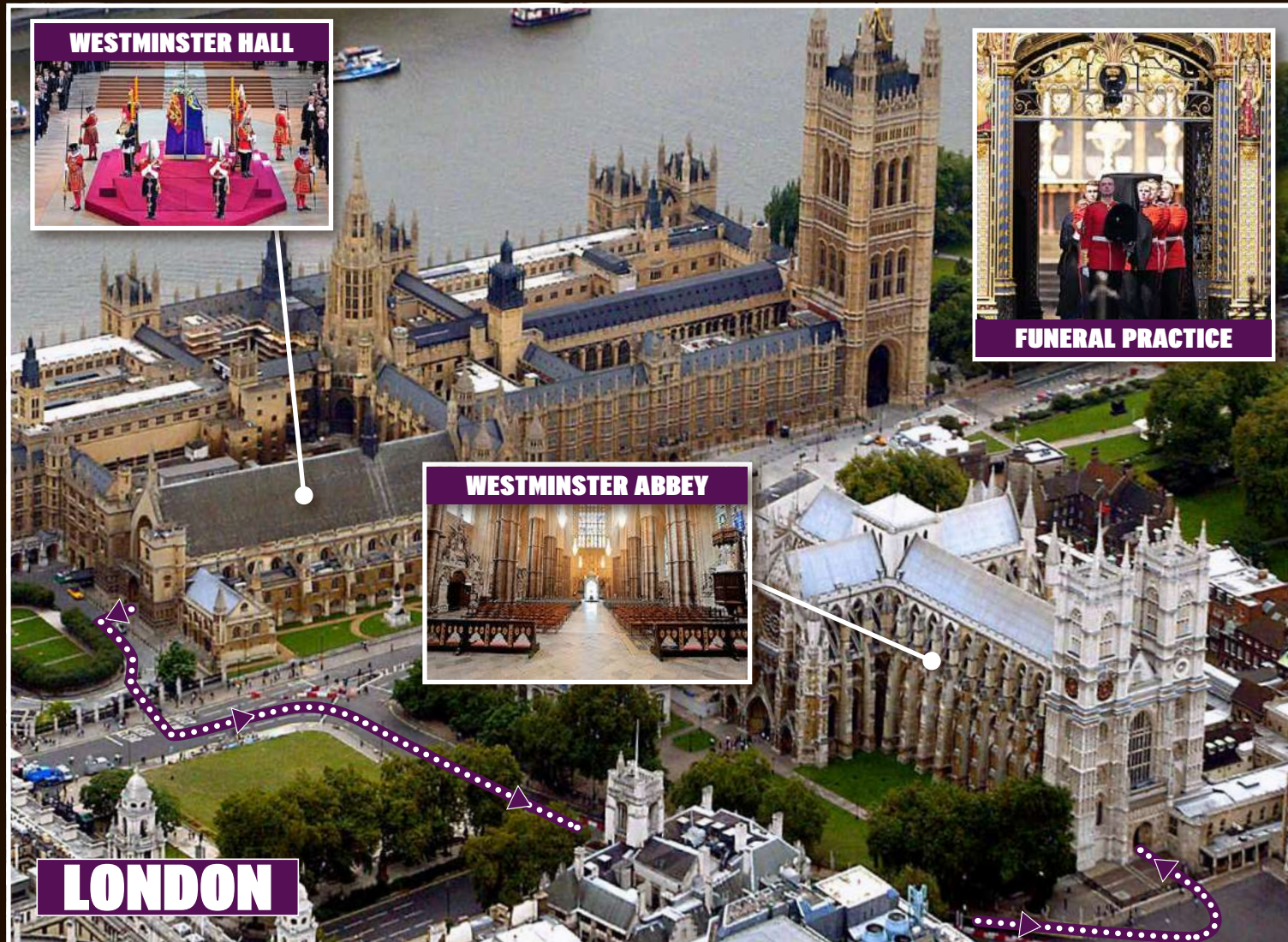
It was confirmed that the late Queen's four children – Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward – will stand vigil around her coffin at 7.30pm today in Westminster Hall.

It will remain there until the morning of her funeral.

Prince William and Prince

Lesson...Prime Minister Liz Truss

FUNERAL PLANS, DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE



6am-8.30am Last vigil at Queen's coffin in Westminster Hall starts at dawn as the King's bodyguards complete their duties by the catafalque in the Houses of Parliament. It will close at 8.30am to prepare for the procession.

9am: Big Ben will strike clearly, before the bell's hammer is covered with a

thick leather pad to muffle it for the rest of the day, out of respect and deference.

10.44am: The coffin is carried from Houses of Parliament to Westminster Abbey on the state gun carriage pulled by naval ratings with ropes.

10.52am: It is then carried into the Abbey.

11am: The coffin is taken to the High Altar in front of 2,000 guests.

11am-12pm: The state funeral will be led by the Dean of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury. At the end of the service, the Last Post and Reveille will be played. There will also be a national two-minute silence.

12pm-1pm: The coffin is carried to Wellington Arch via The Mall – moving through Parliament Square, along Whitehall, up Constitution Hill and The Mall, past Buckingham Palace, arriving at Wellington Arch at 1pm.

3:06pm: The state hearse will arrive at Albert Road, Windsor, and join the

Harry are to take part in a special ceremony to honour the Queen on Sunday night.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex will join her other six grandchildren for a 15-minute vigil in the Hall.

All will stand in silence beside the coffin, mirroring the Vigil of the Princes.

It was reported last night that, by special permission, Harry will be allowed to wear military uniform at the event.

It is so far unknown which uniform he will wear, since he no longer holds a military position.

Harry has been barred from appearing in military dress since the Queen died, as a result of his stepping away from being a working member of the Royal Family.

His departure to the US also saw him stripped of his patronages.

The King has allowed his scandal-hit brother Prince Andrew to wear uniform tonight in a break with that policy "as a special

mark of respect". The Queen's coffin will be taken to the Abbey on a Royal Navy state gun carriage first used for Queen Victoria's funeral in 1901.

It was also employed at the funerals of Edward VII, George V, George VI, Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Mountbatten.

The King and senior members of the Royal

Family will walk behind it. Newly-installed Prime Minister Liz Truss and Commonwealth Secretary-General Baroness Scotland will read lessons at the service which will be televised worldwide.

It will also be attended by the extended Royal Family, by many world and Commonwealth leaders, emergency service

Why the Navy

THE Queen's coffin will be carried during the procession to Westminster Abbey on a 123-year-old gun carriage towed by 98 Royal Navy sailors – in a tradition dating back to Queen Victoria.

On the day of her funeral in 1901, her body was to be carried on the carriage through the streets of Windsor.

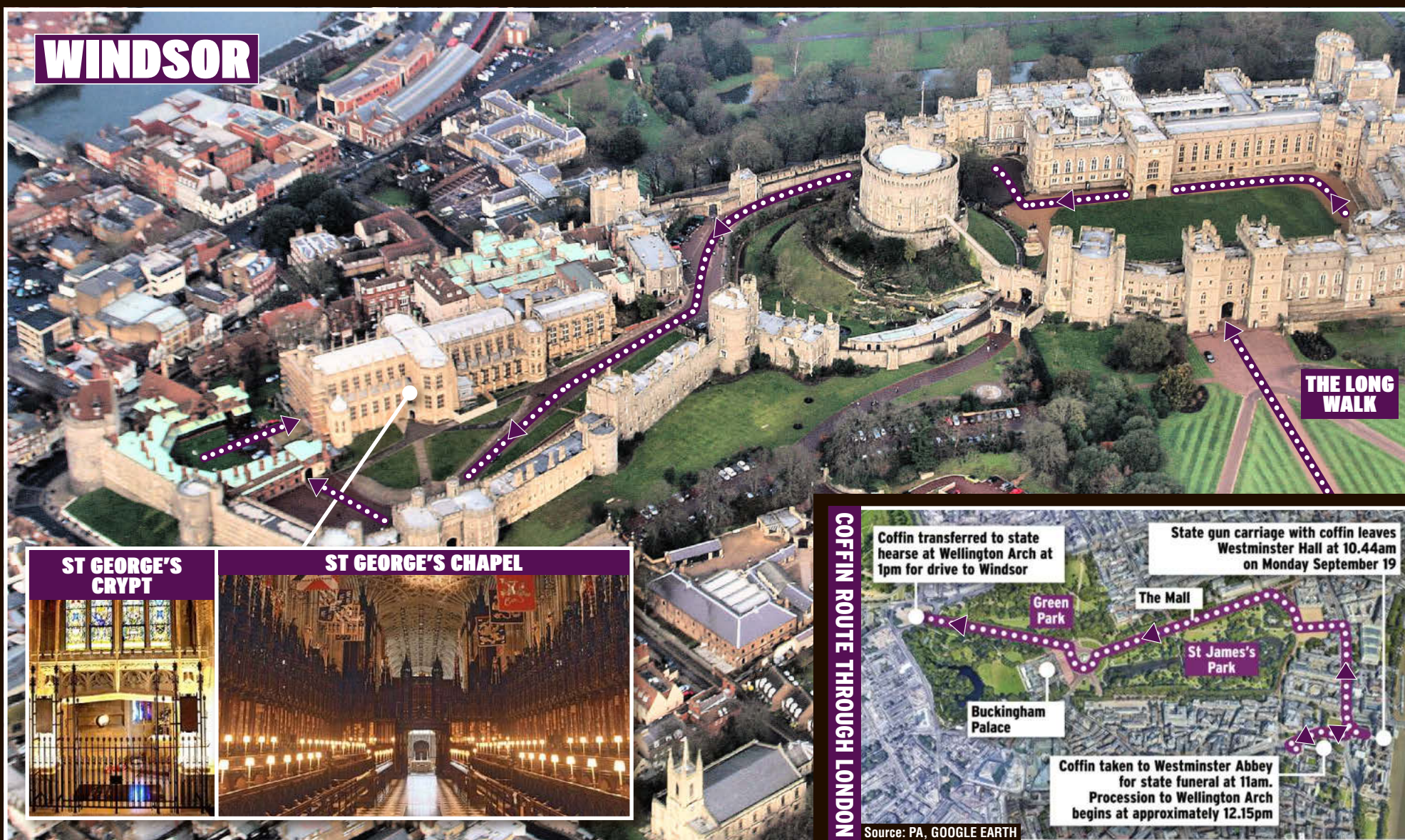
But the horses which were going to pull



Service...carriage used for Queen Victoria

staff with leading role

Picture: GETTY, PA



procession which will have been "formed up" and in position.

3.10pm: The procession will "step off" and travel to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, travelling down the iconic Long Walk, through Cambridge Gate and down Cambridge Drive. Along the route it will travel through the Parade Ground and

Horseshoe Cloister Arch.

3:20pm: Governors and Prime Ministers from across the Commonwealth will arrive at the West Door of St George's Chapel and will be escorted to their seats in the Nave.

3.25pm: Members of the Royal Family who are not accompanying the Queen's coffin will arrive at the West

Door of the Chapel and will then be escorted to their seats in the chapel's Quire and the Nave.

3.40pm: The King and members of the Royal Family who are walking in the main procession will join the Queen's coffin at the Quadrangle on the North side as it passes into the Engine Court.

3:53 pm: The procession will stop at the bottom of the West Steps of St George's Chapel in Horseshoe Cloister. The Bearer Party will lift the Coffin from the state hearse and it will be carried in procession into the chapel.

4pm: The committal service will begin, conducted by the Dean of Windsor. The end of the service will be marked by

a lament played by a lone piper as the coffin is lowered into the family's Royal Vault to be buried alongside her beloved husband, parents and sister.

7.30pm: King Charles and his closest family will return to the chapel for a private family burial service, where the monarch will scatter earth upon the coffin.

workers, representatives of the Queen's patronages and by some members of overseas royal families.

A 11.55am Last Post sounding will be followed by a two-minute silence within the Abbey and across the whole country.

After the funeral Her Majesty's coffin will be borne on the state gun carriage along cen-

tral London's ceremonial route via Horse Guards and The Mall, up Constitution Hill to Wellington Arch.

The King and senior Royals including Prince William and Prince Harry will walk behind the cortege. They will be followed by the Queen Consort and the Princess of Wales in one car, and the Duchess of Sussex and

Countess of Wessex in another. At Wellington Arch, the coffin will be transferred to the state hearse and driven on a so-far undisclosed route to Windsor Castle for a 4pm televised committal service attended by 800 mourners including Commonwealth leaders and staff from royal households and estates.

Guns will be fired at one-minute intervals and the castle's rarely-heard Sebastopol and Curfew Tower bells will toll as the Royal Family joins the procession into St George's Chapel. The coffin will be lowered into the royal vault after the King places the Queen's Company Camp Colour of the Grenadier Guards on to it.

The Lord Chamberlain, the most senior officer of the Royal Household, will break his wand of office before also placing it on to the Queen's coffin.

The Sovereign's Piper, Pipe

**Funeral service role...
Baroness Scotland**



Major Paul Burns, will play a lament before the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby pronounces the blessing and the service concludes with the National Anthem.

At 7.30pm the coffins of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be retrieved from the vault.

The husband and wife of 73 years will be reunited, buried in the King George VI Memorial Chapel in St George's alongside George VI, the Queen Mother and the ashes of the Queen's sister Princess Margaret.

The prominent procession role for the NHS comes despite anger over hospitals cancelling operations on Monday because of the funeral.

Air travel will also be affected – 15 per cent of 1,200 flights due to use Heathrow Airport that day will be cancelled "to avoid noise".

No-fly zones, including a ban on drones, have been imposed over Windsor and central London.

stands in for coffin horses

By **Ben Mitchell**

it panicked and reared up, threatening to topple the coffin to the ground.

So Captain Prince Louis of Battenberg suggested to the new monarch, Edward VII, that the Navy step in.

Once this was agreed, the horses were unharnessed and improvised ropes were

attached to the gun carriage, which weighs 3,000kg (2.5 tonnes), and the team of sailors was brought in.

Nine years later, at the funeral of Edward VII, the routine became enshrined as a tradition. It has been followed at all state funerals since, including those of Kings George V and VI, Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Louis Mountbatten.



Stand for the Queen... the queue yesterday near Tower Bridge as thousands patiently wait to see the coffin in Westminster Hall, left

'Epic turnout is eloquent tribute to the depth of our affection'

TRADITION is central to the evocative power of Royal ceremonies. At moments of sorrow, time-honoured rituals serve as both a channel to express grief and a force to unite people in reverence.

That truth was highlighted by the Conservative MP Sir Henry Channon, when he witnessed the lying-in-state of the late King George V at Westminster Hall in January 1936. In his diary, he wrote how the catafalque with the King's coffin was "now guarded by four officers, immobile and silent, and by gentlemen-at-arms. There was an atmosphere of hushed stillness, of something sacred and awe-inspiring."

Those same words could be used today about the poignant but uplifting scene in Westminster Hall, where the late Queen lies before her funeral on Monday. In the heart of this historic space with its imposing stone walls and impressive timber-beamed roof, stands her coffin, draped in the Royal Standard and mounted with the Imperial



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State Crown, as well as the orb and sceptre. Keeping solemn vigil over her are soldiers from the Household Division, the Yeoman of the Guard and the Company of Archers, all clad in their splendid, venerable uniforms.

With its roots in British antiquity, it is a spell-binding, magisterial sight, one that induces a profound feeling of veneration in the endless stream of mourners who are now passing through the hall to honour Elizabeth II. Just as Channon experienced back in 1936, there is today an awestruck humility in this setting, where the only noises are

muffled footsteps or the occasional clang of a metallic rod on stone from an officer to signal a change in the vigil's personnel on duty. "When we eventually got in to see the Queen, it was very emotional and extremely quiet. That's what I noticed first: the silence. Everyone was clearly in a reflective mood," said one woman who had travelled from Somerset to pay her respects.

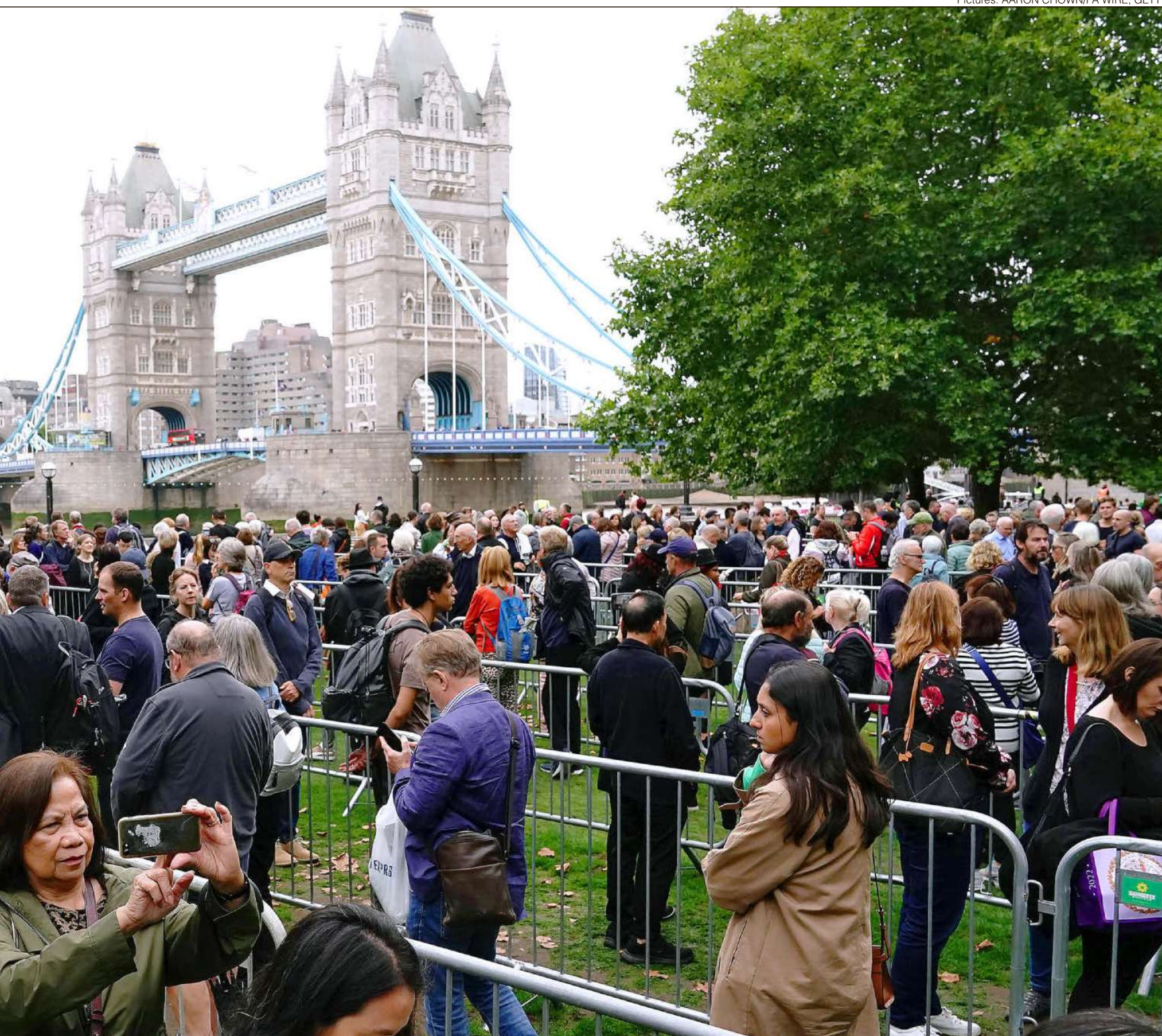
The King himself, having travelled 1,500 miles since his mother's death and fulfilled an extraordinarily packed schedule, finally had the chance for a day of reflection yester-

day at his home of Highgrove, though today he will be back on the trail with an official visit to Wales. Elsewhere, important duties continued to be carried out yesterday by other members of the family. The Prince and Princess of Wales were in Sandringham to greet another throng of well-wishers, while the Princess Royal was in Glasgow for a function with municipal figures and the Earl and Countess of Wessex attended a service of remembrance in Manchester.

But in the capital, a change of tone has been felt. A kind of serenity has descended on central London after almost a week of intensive activity led by the Royal Family, including processions, proclamations and Parliamentary addresses.

From Wednesday afternoon, when the late Queen's coffin was conveyed by gun carriage from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall, there was a sense that the public was now to be at the centre of the mourning. The British people have responded magnificently

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to the call, with unprecedented numbers queuing to pay homage to her.

In 1952 on the death of her father George VI, around 301,000 well-wishers passed his coffin in Westminster Hall. That total is expected to be far surpassed by Monday morning, perhaps reaching over 700,000. By mid-afternoon yesterday, the queue was more than four miles long and extended as far as Bermondsey on the south bank of the Thames.

The sheer epic scale of this turnout is perhaps the most eloquent tribute of all to the depth of the nation's affection for Her Majesty. Unstinting in her service, unrivalled in her dedication, no British sovereign was ever so cherished by her people or more deserving of that admiration. "It was absolutely moving and the love in that room, well, you could feel it," said mourner Clare Paul, of seeing the coffin. Moreover, the long waits, often lasting several hours, are a highly appropriate part of paying homage to

the late Queen, for patient, dutiful stoicism was one of her prime virtues. In the words of another well-wisher, Alan Davies, queuing "is the best example of how much the Queen meant to us all".

On finally reaching Westminster Hall, the mourners have shown a variety of responses that reveal the gravity of their emotions. Many have tears in their eyes. Men often bow, and women curtsy. Military veterans salute, believers make gestures of faith. One woman yesterday blew a kiss at the coffin amid her silent sobs.

Harmony

But whatever their actions, all of them were united in grief-stricken gratitude for the unique life of the Queen. As Michael Darvill, an 85-year-old mourner who had seen the funeral of Winston Churchill in 1965, said after a wait overnight in the queue, "The Queen committed most of her life to the

service of our country and this is a small way of saying thank you."

The key theme of the last week since the death of the Queen has been unity. Her passing has had a remarkable impact in bringing together nations, politicians, even warring Princes. The same spirit of harmony can be seen in the phenomenal crowds that embrace people of all races, ages, faiths, classes and different parts of the kingdom.

In its hour of tragedy, the House of Windsor has been a far better catalyst for real social inclusion than the antics of left-wing campaigners with their addiction to toxic identity politics. The Crown promotes a shared sense of belonging in our British identity, whereas the woke agenda, full of manufactured grievances and anti-British propaganda, fuels only division.

Whatever their background, no one has been excluded from the mourning. In fact, the lying-in-state is truly a people's event. When the late King Edward VII lay in

Westminster Hall in 1910, one newspaper commented on the "silent, mournful crowd that paced past the bier. Many were still in their working clothes. All were stained with dust after their long wait in the queue. Sorrowful women, boy scouts, clerks and shop assistants drawn from the suburbs and unambitious streets – they all came to pay their tribute to the King they loved."

Westminster Hall this week has been infused with the same sense of devotion from public, regardless of status or dress code. Indeed, there is a striking contrast between the shining splendour of the military uniforms and the comfortable ordinariness of most mourners' appearance, in part made necessary by the demands of queuing.

But that contrast just reinforces how united Britain has become in recent days. Just as she was dedicated to her all subjects during her long life, so in her death the Queen has been a force for genuine equality and solidarity.

Hours of queuing... for a

By **Robert Kellaway** and **Emily Braeger**

THE queue to see the Queen lying in state stretched as far as five miles yesterday as thousands continued to make a personal pilgrimage to say their farewells.

The stream of people paying their respects did not falter overnight and by yesterday evening it had ebbed and flowed as far as Southwark Park in Bermondsey, well into the city's south-east postcodes.

At 7am the back of the queue was at Blackfriars Bridge but built steadily through the day and by 9.30am it had passed beneath London Bridge and on to the river frontage by HMS Belfast.

From there it headed into a large holding pen next to City Hall by Tower Bridge.

Hundreds congregated in a tightly-packed pattern separated by crash barriers.

It kept on growing and by midday the diligent, good-humoured snake of humanity was lengthening at the rate of 20 yards every minute along Shad Thames.

It was a sight and hubbub to behold. By 4pm the queuing time was estimated to be at least nine hours on the Government's official tracker.

A marshall who asked not to be named welcomed all queue arrivals warmly. His



Selfie spirit...Justin Welby with queue pilgrim

constant refrain was: "Yes, this is it! You have reached the actual back of the queue. You will be the last people in the queue for a few seconds only, more are right behind you. This way! This way!"

Mourners arriving at the constantly moving point responded with cries of "yes!", "we've made it" and "hallelujah!" as they took their places.

The marshall added: "I've been at the back of the queue since 7am and that was at Blackfriars Bridge. I've been pretty much walking backwards welcoming people ever since and here we are well past Tower Bridge and it's still growing."

Those who arrived reasonably early yesterday made good headway as the queue moved at an encouraging pace.

Some pilgrims were supported on their progress by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose London headquarters at Lambeth Palace overlooks the final stages of the long line.

He even performed a blessing on 10-year-old Eva Garcia, whose family have recently moved to the UK from the US. Dad Juan said: "To have a leader of the church pray for your child, I was very emotional."

Sebastian Cunningham, 13, proudly wore his school uniform as he joined his mum Susannah by HMS Belfast at 9.30am.

She allowed her son to take an unauthorised absence from the Royal Grammar

'Important thing to do'... Sebastian Cunningham



Paying their respects...from left, John Piggin, Graham Trow with Lesley Kelly, and Samantha and Cowan Botha



School in Guildford, a decision she hopes they will forgive. Susannah said: "I have been emailing the school to explain. I hope they'll allow us to take this once in a lifetime opportunity without a detention. We were going to come on Friday but thought the queue would be longer."

Sebastian, a former chorister at Hampton Court Palace, said: "I decided to wear my school uniform to be smart but also to represent my school. This is an important day and thing to do."

Susannah, wearing a brooch with a miniature portrait of the Queen bought when Her Majesty visited Hampton Court in 2017, was impressed at the line's brisk pace.

She said: "It's been brilliantly organised. We are moving quickly, which is encouraging." After an

hour they passed the replica of Sir Francis Drake's flagship the Golden Hind and after three hours were at Lambeth Bridge.

Dancers Glenn Smith, 40, and Emma Callow, 43, travelled from Canterbury to join at London Bridge at 9.27am.

Air traffic controller Glenn and nursery school teacher Emma decided to attend after they took part in the Platinum Jubilee procession, dancing in the 1950s jive and swing section.

Glenn said: "We danced up the Mall and arrived in front of the Palace just at the time the Queen came on to the balcony. It was a magical moment and we wanted to honour her memory by coming along."

Glenn, in a 1940s vintage suit, and Emma wore genuine Coronation badges from 1953 which they had dressed with black ribbon.

Emma added: "We had such a fantastic time dancing at the Jubilee. We really wanted to come and pay our respects." Retired

soldier Michael Jones, 67, and his wife Clare, 54, travelled from their home on the Isle of Wight, leaving at 5am to catch the ferry and then train to Waterloo. Michael said: "I joined the Army as a boy to serve the Queen and she turned me into a man."

"She sent me around the world and I had a 20-year career, which I will never forget."

The dad of four served with the Grenadier Guards and Royal Artillery and was a commanding officer's bodyguard and PT instructor before leaving the Army in 1989.

He added: "We've come by boat and train but got off at the wrong end of the queue. We walked its length more or less and found the back at about 10am by HMS Belfast."

"It's important for me to come and thank the Queen in person for the service she gave this country. Standing for a few hours in a queue is nothing in comparison."

At Westminster Hall the coffin is guarded around the clock by units from the

moment to say goodbye

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'A SENSE OF UNITY AND TOGETHERNESS... THIS DAY IS VERY TYPICALLY BRITISH'

By **Emily Braeger**

MOURNERS were brought to tears yesterday as they said a final goodbye to the Queen during her lying-in-state at Westminster Hall.

Members of the public queued for hours to pay their respects to the late monarch, starting from 5pm on Wednesday after her coffin was taken to the hall from Buckingham Palace.

Hundreds of thousands from across the UK and the world faced long waits and lots of walking to see the coffin, as the queue moved through the capital.

Speaking through the tears, Delia Cottingham, 66, said it's "something you never want to see" but "something you have to do".

Ms Cottingham, who was comforted by her daughter, Sarah, 32, added: "It's surreal when you are in there."

"It's unbelievable actually. The Queen's passing has been affecting me all week, it's all I have been thinking about. I was really upset when I was there."

"It still doesn't feel real though and it still hasn't sunk in just yet."

The mother and daughter travelled from East Sussex and arrived in the queue at Blackfriars Bridge at 6am yesterday.

Angelina Brewster, who saw the Queen Mother's lying-in-state back in 2002, felt it was only right to do the same for Queen Elizabeth II.

The 54-year-old arrived in the queue at 7am yesterday. She said: "Personally, it's important for me to make this journey to represent my whole family and thank the Queen for what she did for the Commonwealth."

"Thinking about the moment I see the coffin, I will reflect – about all of those I have lost over the last



Emotional...Delia Cottingham and daughter Sarah joined the line at 6am

few years from Covid and remember how lucky I am to be here, happy and healthy."

"I can imagine I will get that similar wave of emotion I felt when I saw the Queen Mother lying in state 20 years ago."

"This day, with the sense of unity and togetherness, is very typically British."

After just one hour of waiting, Lesley Kelly, 65, and her partner Graham Trow, 73, entered the hall.

Mr Trow told of the connection he had with the new King – they were born on the very same day, November 14, 1948.

He recalled his mother showing him a telegram and blue blanket, which every baby sharing a birthday with Charles received.

Ms Kelly said: "It was very emotional but what stood out to me was how very traditional it all was in the hall itself. Seeing the

coffin brought back lots of memories of the Queen growing up. I was surprised at how upset I got in there, but I held back the tears and just bowed my head."

Army veteran Cowan Botha, who spent four hours queuing with wife Samantha, thanked the late monarch for 70 years of service while wearing a strip of medals, and said he felt "proud".

He added: "It was calming to be in her presence. It really hit me when I was in there, the silence and quietness impacts you and you get a sombre feeling you don't really expect."

John Piggin told the Daily Express he had met the Queen when he was a teacher in the 1970s. The 70-year-old said she was "so kind", so he wanted to thank her for her service in person. He added: "The silence in Westminster Hall was deafening."

Sovereign's Bodyguard, the Household Division and the Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London.

Former prime minister Theresa May and her husband Philip were among those paying their respects yesterday. The queue is being

managed by more than 1,000 volunteers, stewards and police officers.

People waiting in line were issued with pink and purple numbered wristbands, replacing the original yellow issued on Wednesday. More than 1.7 million people

have gone online to view the live queue tracker showing the end of the line.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) launched the stream on YouTube as the first mourners were allowed to enter Westminster Hall. The

video features a live map with the queue route marked in purple, alongside information on the length of the queue and the nearest London landmark to the back.

The wait time could increase to 30 hours over the weekend, depending on numbers.

The DCMS expects to close the queue to new joiners at "sometime on Sunday" to ensure all those lining up can see the Queen lying in state before it ends at 6.30am on Monday ahead of the state funeral.

The capital's transport networks are expected to be crammed with well-wishers.

Nearly 115,000 more Tube journeys were made to or from eight stations in the centre of the capital on Wednesday compared with the same day last week. Transport for London said: "Use our travel tools to check your journey before you travel."

About 1,500 military personnel are assisting with crowd control and 600 members of St John Ambulance will be on first aid duty.



Guard faints during his vigil

ONE of the royal guards watching over the Queen's coffin at Westminster Hall collapsed early yesterday morning.

The member of the Royal Company of Archers, the King's Bodyguard for Scotland, was at the foot of the casket when he fell, apparently fainting.

Live stream footage captured the fall at around 1am and was later posted to social media. Nearby officials quickly

By **Emily Braeger**

rushed to the guard's aid, before the live stream faded to an exterior, night-time shot of the building.

More than an hour later, the stream had not returned to the hall's interior.

Soldiers in ceremonial uniform are required to stay still during the vigil, but rotate position every 20 minutes.



BBC...David Dimbleby and Huw Edwards

Big names will lead day-long coverage of funeral on TV

By **Mark Reynolds**

THE BBC, Sky and ITV will broadcast blanket coverage of the Queen's state funeral on Monday.

And some of television's most respected presenters will be on hand to describe the historic event.

The funeral is expected to be the most watched global broadcast in history.

BBC chiefs confirmed that its coverage will be anchored by Huw Edwards – who broke the news of the Queen's death on BBC One last week. He will be joined by Kirsty Young, inset, and David Dimbleby.

Sky's programming will feature Kay Burley live from Westminster Abbey. She will hand over to Anna Botting and Dermot Murnaghan. Royal events commentator Alastair Bruce will also feature.

ITV's coverage will be led by Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham. Bosses say they will be conducting the largest outside broadcast in the channel's history.

The funeral will be shown live and uninterrupted on ITV's main channel and simultaneously on all of its digital channels. The coverage will be preceded by Good Morning Britain which will preview the funeral.

On Monday evening, ITV will broadcast a documentary chronicling the events of the past 10 days, from the Queen's death to the state funeral.

There will also be a special programme focusing on the day's events at 9pm followed by an extended News at Ten.

All of the day's programming from 6am to midnight will be simulcast on all of ITV's main channels and five digital channels and hub.

Meanwhile, the BBC's special programming will air from 8am until 5pm on Monday on BBC One and iPlayer, with BSL signed coverage taking place on BBC Two.

Sky's coverage will also start at 6am and last throughout the day.



ITV...Julie Etchingham and Tom Bradby



Drills...early morning rehearsals for the funeral yesterday, as pipers, main, and sailors. left, practise



Night manoeuvres



Midnight march...procession in dead of night in London

REHEARSALS for the Queen's funeral took place in the dead of night yesterday.

Thousands of members of the Armed Forces were involved in the display of British military precision, ensuring that the real thing runs like clockwork.

As the Royal Household prepares for the 2,000 guests, including 500 leaders and dignitaries from around the globe, last-minute drills were in full swing.

Military processions from Westminster Hall, where Her Majesty is lying in state, to Westminster Abbey, which will host Monday's solemn ceremony, continued into the early hours of the morning.

There was even a coffin draped in black placed on the exact spot on top of the State Gun Carriage – towed by almost 100 naval personnel – where the Queen's casket will sit.

In full military attire, the pallbearers who will convey the Queen to her funeral were seen carrying

By **Mark Reynolds**

the empty coffin in the middle of the night.

The extensive rehearsals continued in the dark until 4am.

Soldiers could be seen marching from Buckingham Palace to Parliament Square to funeral music in preparation for the day when the world bids farewell to Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

In the shadow of a lit-up Big Ben, soldiers, sailors and fliers lined up in their thousands as they repeatedly rehearsed their various roles for the state funeral.

Military bands also struck up their sombre funeral marches in Parliament Square.

Meanwhile, hundreds of mourners who had waited in line overnight to visit the late monarch lying in state left Westminster Hall to be greeted by the sight of the military personnel being put through their paces.

At one point, the sound of bagpipes began at 2.45am, signalling

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to prepare for sad day

the start of the procession and echoing through the otherwise quiet streets of London.

The Scots Guards marched away from New Palace Yard to the Abbey, followed by sailors pulling the gun carriage using white ropes, accompanied by members of the Household Cavalry.

The solemn scenes come ahead of the first full state funeral that Britain has hosted since Sir Winston Churchill died in 1965.

A record 4.1 billion people – more than half the world's population – are expected to watch the funeral on television.

An estimated two million are also expected to take to the streets of the capital on the day.

By that time, almost one million people are expected to have viewed the Queen lying in state.

Preparations for the hundreds of world leaders who will converge on the capital to pay their respects are also in full swing.

Special flights from all over the world will soon be heading for



Ready to go...sailors with the gun carriage and, left, more military rehearsals

attend. United States President Joe Biden and his First Lady Jill are also set to jet in at the weekend.

Mr Biden offered his condolences to King Charles during a phone call on Wednesday, the White House said. The leaders of most of the

Commonwealth countries are expected to attend the funeral.

Also invited to the Queen's funeral are all 23 living holders of the Victoria Cross or the George Cross. It is thought that 17 of them will be at the service.

Truss will meet with incoming premiers

By **Sam Lister**
Political Editor

LIZ Truss is expected to hold private talks with US President Joe Biden and other world leaders when they arrive for the Queen's funeral.

The Prime Minister will have discussions with a small number of key allies in Downing Street and the country residence Chevening over the weekend.

No 10 insisted the meetings will mainly focus on reflections about the Queen, but said other issues are likely to be raised.

The Prime Minister's spokesman said: "There won't be formal bilaterals in the way we normally recognise them.

"But we will have a significant number of world leaders in the country. In some instances, it will be the first time they've met since she became



Flying in...Joe Biden

Prime Minister."

World leaders expected to arrive in the coming days include French President Emmanuel Macron, German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier and Japan's Emperor Naruhito.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is also travelling to attend, as are Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and South Korea's President Yoon Suk-yeol. New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern and Australia's Anthony Albanese are also due to be there.

China's vice-president Wang Qishan will reportedly attend the state funeral in place of its leader Xi Jinping.

Russia and Belarus have been excluded following the invasion of Ukraine.

Harry and Meghan 'furious' at move to deny children HRHs

From **Hanna Geissler** in Windsor

A FRESH row has erupted between the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and senior royals over plans to deny their children HRH status, it was claimed yesterday.

King Charles is expected to officially anoint Prince Archie, three, and Princess Lilibet, 15 months, in the near future.

But a source claimed Harry and Meghan were furious about a decision not to let them use the HRH style of address.

The couple surrendered their own titles in 2020 after stepping down as senior working royals to start a new life overseas.

But they were said to have pointed out during discussions that Prince Andrew's daughters Beatrice and Eugenie have HRH status despite not being working royals.

Excluded

A source said: "Harry and Meghan were worried about the security issue and being prince and princess brings them the right to have certain levels of royal security. There have been lots of talks this week.

"But they have been left furious that Archie and Lilibet cannot take the title HRH. That is the agreement – they can be prince and princess but not HRH because they are not working royals."

Archie and Lilibet have not so far been styled as prince and princess due to a Letters Patent enacted by King George V in 1917.

It was intended to slim down the monarchy and stipulated only the grandchildren of the monarch and the first grandson of the Prince of Wales, could be styled as such.

Following the death of the Queen, King Charles has reportedly agreed to issue a new Letters Patent but will stop short of



Anger...Harry and Meghan believe HRH titles would help protect Archie and Lilibet; Prince's raw grief

giving Archie and Lilibet HRH status. He is understood to have long favoured the idea of slimming-down the monarchy, with fewer family members taking on official engagements.

Royal expert Phil Dampier said a move to anoint Archie and Lilibet prince and princess without HRH status would be "a classic compromise".

He said: "The same thing happened to Diana and Fergie after they were divorced from Charles and Andrew.

"And of course Sarah Ferguson is still the Duchess of York today. Harry and Meghan should be pleased, as using prince

or princess sounds good in the States. But even though their children are still high up in the line of succession they will not be working royals so it's quite right they shouldn't have titles.

"Lots of people think Harry and Meghan themselves should lose their titles, so I think they should just accept this compromise and be grateful as it could be a lot worse for them and their children."

The Sussexes indicated during their infamous interview with Oprah that they expected Archie would be excluded from becoming an HRH and prince.

Asked if Archie being a prince was

important to her, Meghan said: "If it meant he was going to be safe, then of course."

But she added: "All the grandeur surrounding this stuff is an attachment I don't have. I've been a waitress, an actress, a princess, a duchess. I'm clear on who I am, independent of that stuff. The most important title I will ever have is mom."

Meghan also spoke of her shock at being told her son would not get police protection because he did not have a title.

Asked whether she believed the decision may be linked to Archie's race, the Duchess sensationally claimed there had been "concerns and conversations about how dark his skin might be when he's born".

The Sussex's children are thought to have remained at home in California during their parents' trip to the UK.

Rift

Royal commentators have suggested they are unlikely to cross the Atlantic to join their parents, as Harry is said to be keen to shield them from grief.

The rumoured row comes days after the Duke appeared to be healing a rift with his family.

Harry and Meghan appeared alongside the Prince and Princess of Wales to view tributes outside the gates of Windsor Castle on Saturday.

And the Duke of Sussex pledged to "honour my father in his new role as King Charles III" in an emotional tribute to his grandmother earlier this week.

Describing the late Queen as the nation's "guiding compass", Harry praised her "unwavering grace and dignity".

Recalling her "infectious smile", he added: "We, too, smile knowing that you and grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace."

Prince has subdued 38th birthday 'at Windsor home'



Low key...Prince Harry and Meghan are still mourning

PRINCE Harry marked his 38th birthday privately yesterday as he continued mourning his grandmother.

The Duke of Sussex was thought to be staying at Frogmore Cottage in Windsor with wife Meghan.

It was not known whether their children, Archie and Lilibet, would travel from the US to join them.

Away from the royal estate, the streets of the Berkshire town were decked with Union flags and preparations were well under way for Monday, when the Queen will be brought to her final resting place.

Two postboxes in the town had

By **Hanna Geissler**

been decorated with knitted tributes depicting the Queen and one of her black handbags, made by the Ickenham Postbox Toppers.

And floral tributes and trinkets continued to pile up outside Windsor Castle's Cambridge Gate as a steady stream of well-wishers arrived to pay their respects.

Each night the flowers are moved inside the grounds and a colourful carpet of bouquets now stretches the entire length from the gate up Cambridge Drive. One of the heartfelt messages left yesterday described the Queen as "the

strongest guiding light and a beacon of selflessness [and] commitment".

It went on: "In this time of mourning your passing there is comfort that you are reunited with your beloved Philip. Rest well."

Another message simply read: "Even in death you continue to unite people. Thank you."

Following the funeral on Monday, the Queen's coffin will be transported to St George's Chapel in Windsor via the Long Walk.

A large security operation is taking place in Windsor and police officers have been seen searching drains and phone boxes, looking for suspicious items.

Pictures: REUTERS, PA

Support...the Duke and Duchess of Sussex hold hands inside Westminster Hall



Tell-all book 'delayed out of respect for grandmother'

By John Twomey

PRINCE Harry's explosive autobiography could be delayed until next year out of respect for the Queen's memory.

Publication of what he calls his "wholly truthful" memoir was originally planned for November – but yesterday speculation was mounting that it will be postponed.

However, it is not thought the book will be withdrawn – and the delay will allow it to be updated so it reflects the seismic impact of his grandmother's death.

Senior royal figures are said to be "deeply concerned" about the book, whose title has not yet been revealed.

Harry has suggested it will be brutally frank about many aspects of his life – but it is said Buckingham Palace will not see a manuscript before it is published.

Ghostwritten by American author JR Moehringer, the memoir was completed months ago in readiness for this year's pre-Christmas market and has been "signed off" by lawyers.

Speaking last year, the Duke of Sussex said: "I'm writing this not as the Prince I was born but as the man I have



Grieving...Sussexes with William and Catherine

become. I've worn many hats over the years, both literally and figuratively, and my hope is that in telling my story – the highs and lows, the mistakes, the lessons learned – I can help show that no matter where we come from, we have more in common than we think."

He added: "I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to share what I've learned over the course of my life so far and excited for people to read a firsthand account of my life that's accurate and wholly truthful."

Best-selling author Tom Bower, whose biography of Harry's wife Meghan was published this year, has described the Duke's memoir as a "time bomb".

Its publisher Penguin Random House last year called the memoir "the definitive account of the experiences, adventures, losses, and life lessons that have helped shape" the Duke of Sussex.

They added: "Prince Harry will offer an honest and captivating personal portrait, one that shows readers that behind everything they think they know lies an inspiring, courageous, and uplifting human story."

Penguin Random House declined to comment on speculation over the memoir's publication date.

Some £1.3million of the book's proceeds are due to go to charity Sentebale, which supports youngsters in South Africa.

Anne moved by tributes in Glasgow

By **Hanna Carmichael**

CROWDS flocked to welcome Princess Anne yesterday as she arrived in Glasgow to the sound of applause and bagpipes.

The Princess Royal and her husband Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence were there to meet representatives of organisations of which the Queen was patron.

The 72-year-old royal appeared to be in good spirits as she viewed the many floral tributes and spoke to well-wishers.

Holly McBride, four, gave Anne a bunch of pink daisies – and the royal described the flowers left by the public as “really and truly out of this world”.

Welcome

The Queen’s only daughter has told how she was at her bedside when she died last Thursday.

Despite the sad circumstances, her engagement with the people of Glasgow was clear, as was her close connection with children in the crowd.

She later told representatives from organisations of which the Queen served as patron she felt “very welcome” in the city.

Hilary Harris of Glasgow’s Lambhill Stables, a community organisation, called the Princess “impressive”, saying: “She sat with us, spoke individually to everyone, asked them all what they did, and gave them plenty opportunity to speak to her.”

“She knew everything about the organisation and led the conversation.”



Shared sadness...
the Countess of Wessex comforts Josh after he handed her flowers in Manchester



Tired...Royal sources say the family is tired after a very difficult few days

King's private

THE King was given time to grieve in private at his Highgrove home in Gloucestershire yesterday following a punishing schedule of public duties.

A week after his mother's death at Balmoral the King, 73, was still working at his country retreat but was spared the ordeal of the public spotlight.

Like many of his family, he has looked strained by the burden of duties over the past few days while still having to come to terms with his own loss.

In the detailed planning for the change of reign, a day had always been set aside at this point for the new monarch to have some time away from public duties.

Some royal sources described it as a day of reflection but palace

By **Richard Palmer**
Royal Correspondent

officials were quick to insist he would still be working.

The King was catching up on state papers in his red boxes and taking telephone calls from foreign heads of state and governors general wanting to express condolences.

Since becoming King he has received red boxes which contain affairs of state, including Cabinet documents and summaries of Parliamentary proceedings.

Aides said his schedule of public events had left him short of time to catch up on official business.

Asked how the King was bearing up after such a difficult few days, his spokesman said: “I think there

are many tired people.” But he added: “People who have worked with the King know just how resilient and hardworking he is. I’m not really going to say more than that.”

He and the Queen Consort flew by helicopter from Buckingham Palace to Wiltshire on Wednesday afternoon.

Aides

His wife likes to decompress at Ray Mill, the house in Lacock that she bought after her divorce from Andrew Parker Bowles.

But the King headed to Highgrove, where the Royal Standard was flying yesterday.

Charles III’s closest aides have been tight-lipped about his wider plans, including where he and the

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Hug from Sophie for young boy

By Jan Disley

A GRIEVING Countess of Wessex hugged a young boy in the crowd when she and Prince Edward visited Manchester yesterday.

The couple headed to the North of England as the Royal Family fanned out across the nation to meet mourners.

The heartwarming exchange came as Sophie and Edward viewed floral tributes in St Ann's Square, greeting hundreds of well-wishers, many carrying flowers and flags.

When a lad in a Union Jack hat and clutching a befeater teddy bear handed over a bouquet and reached out his arms, Sophie, 57, was quick to respond.

Royal fan Josh had been waiting in the September sunshine to see the Earl and Countess of Wessex with his mother Sue.

Emotional

Describing the touching moment, Sue said: "She just said: 'Nice to meet you, do you want me to take your flowers?'"

"It was quite emotional to be honest. I'm trying to hold it in."

"I just thought it was the best thing to come and lay flowers. I wasn't expecting Sophie to take them from him."

Asked what the moment felt like, Josh simply replied: "Happy."

Another mourner revealed Sophie had told her that the British public coming out to show their support was helping to buoy up the Royal Family at such a dark time.

Earlier the royal couple were present as the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester Lorraine Worsley-Carter read the proclamation – the official announcement of the new monarch.

The Wessexes also viewed the civic book of condolence before lighting a candle for the Queen at Manchester Cathedral.



grief after public duty



Comfort... the King has spent a day at his retreat Highgrove where he could grieve in private and catch up on official business

Queen Consort will live. They have always stressed that he was given a lifetime tenancy at Highgrove, which is owned by the Duchy of Cornwall, the hereditary property empire now inherited by his son Prince William. He has

worked hard on the house and its extensive 353 acres of gardens and grounds since acquiring the property in 1980.

But if he keeps that, it will raise questions about how many other country homes he needs in

addition to his official London residence, which is expected to be Buckingham Palace eventually.

However he and Camilla have been staying at Clarence House on The Mall in Westminster in the past few days.

Reflection

Courtiers insist no decisions have been taken. "They're all just focused on mourning at the moment. I think the bigger decisions will be taken later," one source said.

After a pause in their public schedule yesterday, the King and Queen Consort will be back in front of the cameras today.

They will travel to Wales by helicopter where they will attend a

service of prayer and reflection at Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff.

The Royal couple will then go to the Welsh Parliament to receive condolences and meet members of the Senedd. From there they will travel to Cardiff Castle where the King will hold a private audience with Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford and the presiding officer, before attending a reception hosted by the Welsh government.

A spokesman for the King said the couple hope to meet members of the public throughout their visit to Wales.

When he returns to Buckingham Palace, the King will host faith leaders in the Bow Room before travelling to the Palace of Westminster where he will mount a vigil at the Queen's coffin with his

brothers and sister tonight. Tomorrow the Monarch will meet the military's chiefs of staff at Buckingham Palace before visiting police headquarters.

The King's spokesman said he wanted to thank representatives from emergency services involved in the planning and delivery of the events during this period.

Later the King and Queen Consort will attend a lunch for governors general, and then the King will meet prime ministers from his 14 overseas realms at Buckingham Palace.

On Sunday, he and Queen Camilla will host heads of state and official overseas guests at the Palace in what the King's spokesman described as an "official state event".

Charles wants each day



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KING Charles III will have welcomed a day to himself yesterday at his beloved Highgrove home in Gloucestershire. After an emotionally and physically demanding schedule of travel and public ceremony, he had time to read his red boxes, reflect on the enormity of the events of the past week, and plan.

For years, there have been reports that the King wants to “streamline” the monarchy. He now has the opportunity to overhaul the institution so it stands the best chance of continuing to enjoy resounding public support.

It is widely expected that seven members will be at the forefront of “The Firm” – the King and Camilla, the Queen Consort; the Prince and Princess of Wales; Anne, the Princess Royal; and Prince Edward and Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

The latter pair have won respect for their diligence, particularly after the Duke and Duchess of Sussex ceased to be working royals. There will be no surprise if Prince Edward is granted the title of Duke of Edinburgh.

With time, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis will become more prominent members of the Royal Family. However, there is scant expectation that Prince Andrew will be allowed back into the limelight.

King Charles will want to overhaul the way the Royal Family communicates so there is less chance of public relations disasters.

Prince Andrew sabotaged his chances of making a comeback in 2019 when he gave a calamitous Newsnight interview to Emily Maitlis in which he defended his relationship with the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Reforming publicity operations so the Royals speak with one voice – and avoid colossal gaffes – may well be a priority for the King.

He will be fully aware of the anxiety across the country about the rising cost of living and will want to assure the public that he leads a frugal Royal Family.

We can expect him to grasp opportunities to scale back expenditure as part of his efforts to present a leaner, more efficient monarchy which is focused on public service. This will involve a delicate balancing act.

THE British people do not want national life to be shorn of pageantry; a Covid-weary country relished the chance to come together again for the spectacle of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, but tales of gargantuan sums being spent refurbishing ostentatious homes could test public patience.

The Economist recently reported that royal finances could be in for a windfall, noting that “valuable leases for offshore wind

farms on parts of the seabed that belong to the Crown Estate promise to swell its profits in the coming years”.

The columnist Simon Jenkins said the King is rumoured to want to keep Clarence House as his London home and turn Buckingham Palace into a “royal office block”, adding that a “popular gesture would be to merge the palace’s extensive private gardens with Green Park and form a verdant corridor from Whitehall to Kensington Palace.”

King Charles, as the oldest person to accede to the throne, has had a lifetime to think about the changes he will introduce.

He has not arrived in this role with a blank sheet of paper but with decades’ worth of ideas – and some of the plans are bound to take even seasoned royal commentators by surprise.

The King strikes a self-assured and content

pose, sometimes in sharp contrast with his younger self. His long wait is over, he is happily married, and his once often-derided decision to sound the alarm bell about threats to the environment has been conclusively vindicated.

He is respected on the international stage, and Prince William gives every indication that he wants to champion his father’s ecological concerns.

The King is likely to have spent much time thinking about how he can play his part in the rescue of the planet while respecting the strictures of the constitutional monarchy.

He will have even less freedom than before to express his opinions in speeches and articles but he will enjoy an almost unparalleled ability to bring people together.

We can be sure that conversation will regularly turn to the environment when he

gathers decision-makers, entrepreneurs and industrialists around his dining table.

Each week, he will also have the opportunity to speak frankly to the Prime Minister about the most pressing issues facing the country. Traditionally, the monarch has had the right to be consulted, to encourage and to warn – and it would be odd if a man of such deep convictions and concerns did not exercise this right to the utmost.

A key question is whether he will share the late Queen’s determination to stay in position until the end of his life.

Any responsible business leader will plan an exit strategy, and the 2013 resignation of Pope Benedict XVI showed that people in the world’s most exalted positions do not have to stay in post until their last days; it would be surprising if this deeply thoughtful King has not considered his options



of his reign to count

Picture: JANE BARLOW/PA

FIRM FOUNDATIONS:
The King is said to have a vision for a slimmed down monarchy, which is unlikely to include Prince Andrew



here. A primary goal will be ensuring that his grandchildren have the happiest start in life possible.

Jonathan Dimbleby's 1994 biography, which was widely seen to have the then-Prince's blessing, made it clear that growing up as an heir to the throne was far from easy.

IN A clear sign that he wants to heal rifts in the family, he used his first address as King to express his "love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas". There will be gladness across the country if family bonds are healed and strengthened.

The King is aware that he will not be able to spend as much time assisting the charities

he has championed but he has spent decades forming deep connections with communities far beyond London.

The work of The Prince's Trust has transformed the life chances of multitudes of young people and he will want to use megawattage of the monarchy to illuminate both the difficulties holding people back in deprived parts of Britain and success stories.

He is likely to embark on travels throughout the Commonwealth, aware that the demise of the Queen may be seized by anti-monarchists to promote a republican agenda.

The Royal Family have been scrupulous about making it clear that it is up to the people of Commonwealth countries whether they retain the monarch as head of state, but it would be a melancholy moment for many if, for example, Australia opted to

have a politician in the top job. Within the UK, he will be careful to avoid making comments which would be construed as an opinion on Scottish or Welsh independence or Irish unity, but his travels this week to every nation of the UK are proof of his commitment to being a King for the whole country.

The one thing we can be sure of is that King Charles will bring energy and ambition into this difficult and demanding but hugely important role.

His mother demonstrated that the Crown can be an agent for spectacular good, providing comfort to the troubled, encouragement to the embattled, and joy to the nation.

The Queen Consort will provide the King with wisdom and good cheer, and we hope that they will enjoy many moments of laughter and deep happiness in the years

ahead. Together, they will hearten this great country. King Charles has a phenomenal work ethic but it is vital they are able to spend days enjoying each others' company, reflecting on their roles and recharging.

He has already performed profound acts of service to this country, and at the age of 73 he has fully earned the right to take time out to enjoy the glories of Highgrove and Balmoral.

The people of Britain know that his reign will not be a replication of his mother's. He is his own man, whose passions and beliefs have been honed over a lifetime spent meeting many of the world's most powerful and vulnerable people.

The King is determined that he will make each day count.

People of goodwill from every political tribe will wish him every success.



On parade...Nadia with Wilbur

My corgi is lost brother of HM's dog

By Paul Jeeves

A WOMAN who longed for a corgi just like the Queen's ended up adopting the brother of one of Her Majesty's beloved dogs by chance.

Nadia Monaco welcomed Wilbur, "the cutest puppy ever", into her home last year.

But it was only later, while reading an article about the Queen's corgi named Muick – now living with Prince Andrew – that she learnt the truth.

Nadia, 28, said: "I looked at the photo and thought, 'Oh my God – the Queen has adopted his only brother, Muick.' There were only two in the litter."

She wrote to Buckingham Palace about Wilbur – and received a "delighted" reply from the Queen 10 days later.

Nadia, who will travel to the lying-in-state in London, said: "Wilbur lives in a small house and his brother's in a palace!"

Hollywood sheds tears

By Mike Bedigan

HUNDREDS of mourners in America have paid their respects to the Queen at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

A floral wreath and a photo of the monarch were put up there, while cards featuring the lyrics to I Vow To Thee My Country were given to visitors.

There are further plans to remember the Queen in LA on Monday, the day of her funeral.

Judy Garland and Burt Reynolds are among the stars interred at the famous site.

Its counsellor Theodore Hovey said: "It's amazing how much impact [the Queen] had."

By John Twomey

A LEADING barrister lays a wreath in memory of the late Queen yesterday on behalf of her colleagues.

The ceremony at Gray's Inn Chapel, London, marked the transition of Queen's Counsel (QC) to King's Counsel (KC).

The barristers donned "weepers" – white cuffs made of cotton so they can "dry their tears".

"Mourning bands" – strips of pleated white material around the neck – were also worn.

Kirsty Brimelow KC, carried the wreath. The chair of the Criminal Bar Association (CBA) said: "This is a day to mark the mourning from the Criminal Bar of the passing of the Queen."

"It also recognises our dedication to justice and the change from Queen's Counsel to King's Counsel."

She added: "Probably none of us have ever worn traditional mourning court attire until today."

Ms Brimelow laid the simple white and purple floral wreath at the chapel. The barristers then stood together in silent reflection for a minute.

In August, defence barristers voted for a strike that began on September 5. But the CBA ceased all planned action after the Queen's death.

Senior barristers who become KCs are said to "take silk" – a reference to the silk gown they wear in court.

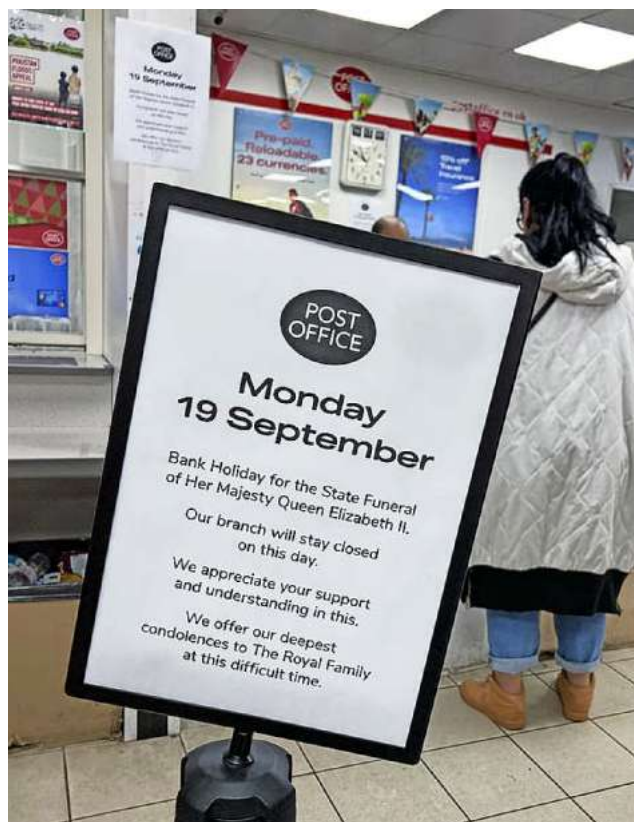
The black attire dates back to 1685 when the Bar went into a prolonged period of mourning following the death of Charles II.

'Weepers' at the ready as barristers stand in silence



Mourning...Kirsty Brimelow KC lays a wreath, inset, on behalf of her colleagues

Nation shuts up shop



Closed...the Post Office informs customers with notice

BRITAIN will come to a near standstill on Monday as almost every business shuts for the Queen's state funeral.

Most major stores will close as a mark of respect. Many smaller and independent shops, hotels and restaurants will also pull up the shutters.

A global audience of billions is expected to watch the televised service from Westminster Abbey.

King Charles III has declared Monday a bank holiday to allow millions across the UK to mourn.

It is up to individual employers to decide whether to give staff the day off to observe the national day of mourning.

The Post Office and most of the major high street supermarkets – including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose, Asda, Morrisons, Aldi and Lidl – are shutting completely, or restricting opening hours.

The royal department store Harrods, along with Selfridges, John Lewis and House of Fraser will close, as will chains such as Currys, Argos, B&Q, Holland & Barrett, Homebase, Ikea, Pets at Home and Primark.

Retailers Liberty, French Connection and Selfridges were among those to close their stores last Friday after the Queen's death was announced the day before. Selfridges said: "It is with deep sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of Her

By Giles Sheldrick Chief Reporter

Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Queen Elizabeth has been a reassuring constant throughout our lives, ascending to the throne on February 6, 1952, making her the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

"Over the past 70 years, her Majesty has been dedicated to the service of our country and the Commonwealth, demonstrating an enormous sense of duty and commitment."

The Met Office said it would only supply daily – and not future – forecasts for the duration of the 10-day official mourning period.

JD Wetherspoon said its central London, railway station and airport outlets will remain open.

But the pub giant said the majority of its venues will be shut for the funeral service, only opening for the day from about 1pm after the funeral has taken place.

A spokesman said: "Wetherspoon is opening its pubs in central London, rail stations and airports and all of its hotels (open for resident guests only) during normal trading hours from 8am until midnight on Monday."

Meanwhile, the UK's biggest pub firm Stonegate said it plans to keep venues open and show footage of the Queen's

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in mark of respect



funeral. The Slug & Lettuce owner, which runs about 4,500 pubs and bars, said its managed venues will remain open to allow customers to celebrate the life of the Queen.

Those running its leased and tenanted pubs will be able to independently decide whether they will open.

And Heineken's pub arm, Star Pubs & Bars, said it may keep some venues open for the day as well, allowing independent leaseholders to decide. It comes

as the vast majority of retailers have said they will shut their doors for the day of the state funeral as a mark of respect for the late Queen.

Holiday villages chain Center Parcs backed down on a controversial decision to ask guests to vacate their cabins on Monday and now says that they can stay, though on-site facilities including restaurants will be closed.

Resort chain Butlin's will remain open but cinema giants Odeon, Cineworld and

Showcase will close. Downing Street has indicated that it is up to individual businesses to decide how to approach the bank holiday.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said Monday would operate as "a standard bank holiday".

He added: "Obviously individual businesses will need to make the decisions about what's right for them, and discuss with their employees, but there is no one-size-fits-all approach."



Gesture...Selfridges won't open but Slug & Lettuce pubs will



Tree lovers...Charles III with his mother Elizabeth II

Leaving a lasting tribute to Queen by planting trees

By **Paul Jeeves**

KING Charles has extended his mother's Green Canopy initiative to get people to plant a tree in memory of Her Majesty.

During her 70-year reign, it is estimated the late Queen planted more than 1,500 commemorative saplings.

The Green Canopy scheme was nominated for the Platinum celebrations earlier this year.

More than a million trees were planted between October 2021 and March 2022.

Her Majesty sent a message of thanks for all those planted in her name.

The scheme was due to end in December, but it will now be extended to the end of March 2023 to enable a full planting season.

That means that alongside the inspiring floral tributes being left outside palaces, people will also be able to plant a tree as a gift in memoriam in honour of Her Majesty.

As well as planting trees, the scheme has also dedicated a network of 70 ancient woodlands and 70 ancient trees to celebrate the late Queen's 70 years of service.



Honoured...Rosie Smith, circled, rode beside coffin

Gunner predicted her solemn duty

By **Chris Riches**

A **TEENAGE** Royal Horse Artillery soldier who helped pull the Queen's coffin gun carriage told loved ones years ago she saw the duty in her future.

Gunner Rosie Smith, 19, was the middle row rider in Wednesday's procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall, as part of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

Rosie said: "We knew the Queen had not been well for a while so I prepared myself.

"It's such a sad occasion. It's a proud moment - I feel very honoured."

Her mum Melissa Smith, of Kendal, Cumbria, said Rosie told her "three or four years ago", before joining the Army, that it was her destiny.

She added: "I was struck with nerves for her with her only being 19. But she is a good rider - I knew nothing would phase her."

HICKEY

THE QUEEN

Consort's first husband Andrew Parker Bowles notes their marital split landed the late monarch with a rather pesky corgi.

"In 1995, Her Majesty was heard to remark that the worst aspect of the Parker Bowles divorce was that she had got Danny back," Parker Bowles, pictured, writes in *The Spectator*.

"Danny was a corgi given to Camilla and me by the Queen in the early 1990s. She had previously given us a corgi called Windsor Flame who was wonderful, intelligent and brave."

He mischievously adds: "Danny had none of these qualities."



SEEN supporting wife Zara as she mourns her grandmother the Queen, former England rugby star Mike Tindall's bent nose – caused by his playing days and later straightened – used to concern Her Majesty.

She once told his Irish rugby rival Brian O'Driscoll: "Your nose is in considerably better shape than Mike Tindall's."

KNOWN to often give young trees a "friendly shake" to wish them well, the King planted a particularly significant sapling 21 years ago.

Royal namesake Charles II famously hid from Roundhead enemies in an oak tree in the grounds of Boscobel House, Shropshire, following a military defeat by Oliver Cromwell in 1651. The original "Royal Oak" had however perished by the 18th century due to tourists snapping off branches, while a direct descendant now looks a sorry sight – in part due to storm damage.

Offering more positive news regarding the Boscobel sapling (another Royal Oak descendant) planted near the original spot by the King in 2001, an English Heritage spokeswoman confirms: "It's in very good, healthy condition. It's grown significantly...it will be around for hundreds of years."

GODDAUGHTER of the King, India Hicks, pictured, defends the monarch following his much-publicised irritation with a leaking pen.

India, whose mother Lady Pamela Hicks was the Queen's lady-in-waiting, tells Piers Morgan *Uncensored*: "He's someone who is grieving, he is exhausted. He's had to be on show publicly every minute of the day...I think you're allowed to have a bit of a temper tantrum when your pen leaks!"



BROADCASTER Janet Street-Porter recalls attending a 2004 Palace lunch hosted by the Queen for high-achieving women, when the guest list included everyone from Lady Thatcher to Kate Moss. Remembering the monarch discreetly disappearing at "five to two" after chatting to everyone present, Janet tells ITV's *Loose Women*: "The footman said to me: 'She's off to listen to *The Archers*'."

She might be Queen Consort... but she'll never give up Ray Mill

Camilla's return to her treasured Wiltshire home as Charles went alone to Highgrove this week was no surprise. Friends have long known how highly she values her independence

EXCLUSIVE

By Margaret James

THE QUEEN Consort has come a long way since, in the year following her divorce from her first husband, Andrew Parker Bowles, a friend reported finding her hiding from the fishmonger because she couldn't pay the large bill she'd racked up.

The two women crouched in the kitchen of Ray Mill House until he went away.

Camilla bought the 17-acre estate on the River Avon in Wiltshire in 1995 for £850,000 out of her divorce settlement because family and close friends live locally.

But there was also, as Princess Diana knew to her cost, an ulterior motive: its proximity to Highgrove, the home of the then Prince of Wales, half an hour away over the county border in Gloucestershire.

Back then Ray Mill, albeit a very pretty Grade II listed six-bedroom house, had seen better days, and without a regular income and newly single, Camilla was in no position to renovate it. But it was – and, crucially, still is – entirely hers.

Those close to her, therefore, were not surprised to hear that the new Queen Consort chose to stay there on Wednesday while the King returned, alone, to Highgrove for quiet contemplation after a frenetic week of engagements since the death of his mother.

As Camilla told celebrity gardener Monty Don as she showed him around her gardens for an interview in July: "It is my refuge, the one place where I can be completely relaxed on my own terms."

Camilla chose to be photographed there by the Princess of Wales for the cover of her guest edited issue of *Country Life*.

Catherine, a talented photographer, captured Camilla in a favourite corner

of her beloved gardens to mark her 75th birthday in July. And it is clear the Wiltshire bolt-hole holds a special place in Camilla's heart.

It allows her, friends say, to "retain a portion" of her life just for herself and it is the epicentre of her family life, away from the royals. Her children, the food writer and critic, Tom, 47 (also a godson of Charles) and daughter, Laura Lopes, 44, are regular visitors.

Following her wedding to Harry Lopes, a former Calvin Klein model-turned-chartered accountant in 2006, attended by Princes William and Harry, Laura held her reception on the terrace of Ray Mill.

Their three children, Eliza, 14, twin boys, Gus and Louis, 13, and Tom's children with his fashion editor ex-wife Sara Buys, Lola, 15, and Freddy, 12, are all regular visitors.

"One's at a school very near my house, so when I am in Wiltshire and her parents are away, I can nip over and pick her up and take her home," said Camilla of her granddaughter in a recent interview.

Ray Mill certainly looks quite different these days after Charles funded a cottage for a Scotland Yard close protection officer, a swimming pool, interior redecoration and the addition of two housekeepers, two gardeners, a chauffeur and Bernie Flannery, his Highgrove butler, who was instructed to do Camilla's shopping at the local Sainsbury's and charge it to Charles' account. As Monty Don



revealed in his interview in the same special edition of *Country Life* in July, Camilla's head gardener for the past 13 years, Paul Jellyman, has created something magical and, appropriately, regal.

As far back as the 1980s, while the Prince of Wales was still married to Diana, he and Camilla shared more than their past history together.

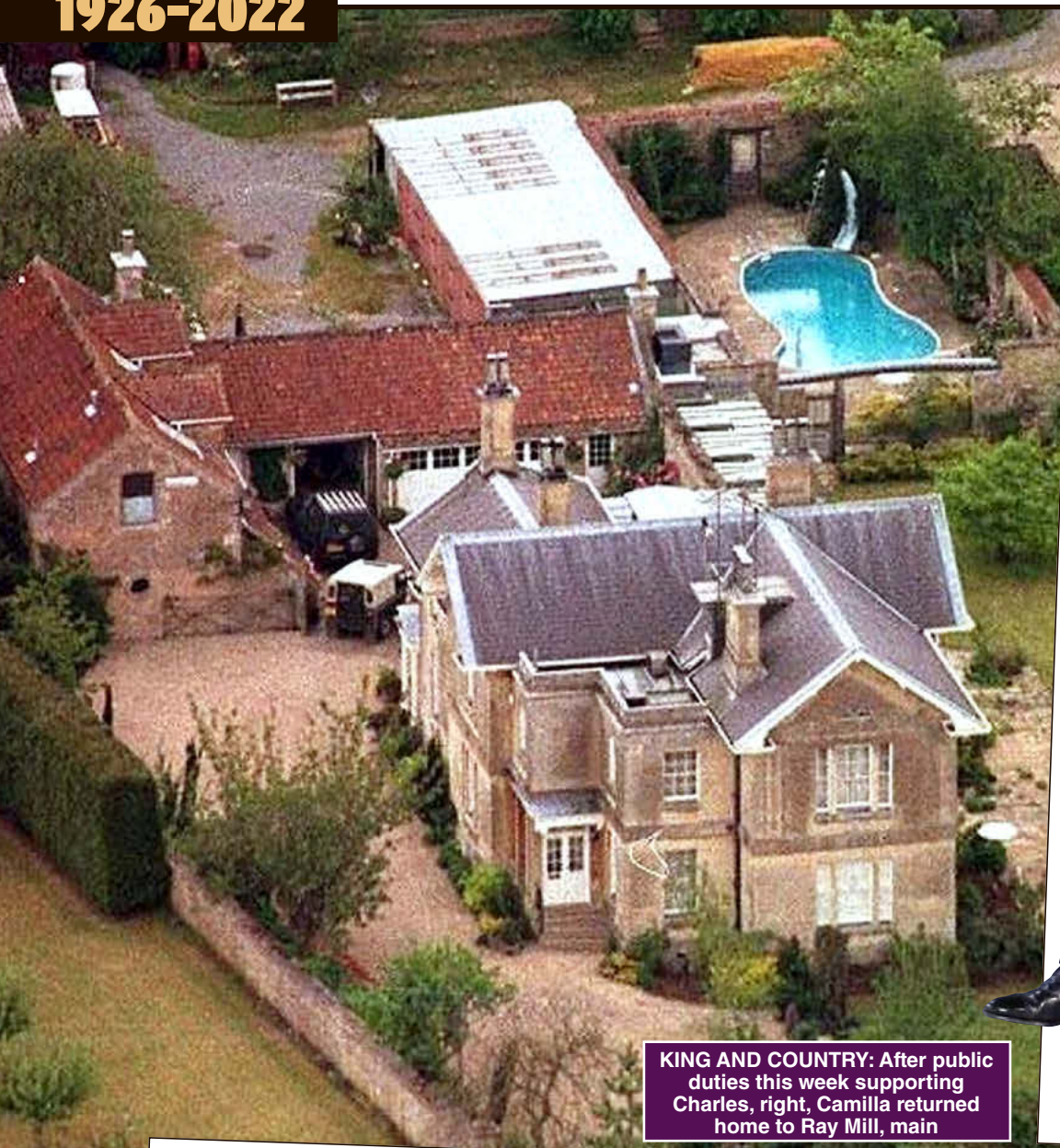
They bonded over their love of gardening too, and Camilla recommended the US garden designer Lanning Roper – who had worked for her parents and her grandmother, Sonia Cubitt – to help with his newly acquired Highgrove.

RAY MILL has lawns, a large duck pond, terraces, a vine house, courtyard with the kidney-shaped swimming pool and a flourishing kitchen garden. Peacocks wander around and her late brother Mark Shand's lifelike elephant statues dot the meadow above seven beehives, the honey from which, combined with her husband's honey from Highgrove, is sold by Fortnum & Mason to raise money for charity.

"I have known gardens created by the



FIRST MARRIAGE: Camilla wed Andrew Parker Bowles in 1973



KING AND COUNTRY: After public duties this week supporting Charles, right, Camilla returned home to Ray Mill, main



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AT HOME: Camilla, left, pictured with her dog, Beth, to mark her guest editorship of Country Life magazine. Right, with children Tom and Laura

greatest designers and... the best gardens are where nature, humanity and personality come together, blended with a deep love of place and home – and Ray Mill has that in spades,” concluded Monty Don.

But beyond the manicured grounds and bustling staff, Ray Mill is still very much Camilla’s bolt-hole, always slightly messy.

Jessica Jayne, Camilla’s former flatmate and author of *The Duchess Of Cornwall: Camilla’s Story And Secrets*, wrote: “Upon coming home, she would just drop her clothes on the floor on her way to her bedroom.”

Another friend said: “Camilla’s bedroom always looked like a bomb had hit it and you should have seen the state of the bathroom after she’d been in it.”

Despite this, all her friends, past and present, are united in their praise for Camilla and her

down to earth ways. “She is warm-hearted, dependable and good fun to be with, and so nice that her untidiness did not matter,” insisted one.

And at Ray Mill there is always the mouth-watering smell of a stew wafting from the Aga and an open bottle of red on the long table in the cosy kitchen.

If Camilla is home – and frequently she’s not these days – it’s full of dogs, her children, grandchildren, and various dear friends.

It is a throwback to the Shand’s upbringing and one of reasons why Charles sought solace within their West Country walls (Charles and Camilla frequently met at the Dorset home of Annabel Elliot, Camilla’s younger sister) – for much the same reasons Prince William felt so at home at the

Middleton family home while dating Kate. The Sexy Shands, as siblings Camilla, Mark and Annabel were known in the 1970s, were as warm as the Windsors were not and a million miles from the enforced outdoor pursuits and parlour games of royal family gatherings.

However much Charles loved his own world, he was always grateful to be invited to the supper parties thrown by Camilla and her first husband.

Camilla is English countryside through and through and, before she married Charles in 2005, never much cared about clothes or shopping. Only when she rode to hounds, which she did exceptionally well as a member of the Beaufort Hunt, did she appear carefully put together in tight jodhpurs, white blouse and black net snood.

Mark Shand’s former girlfriend, US model Marie Helvin, recalls Camilla’s earthy appeal.

“She used to come in in these big muddy boots with her hair all blown around and good skin and she just looked great somehow,” Helvin told Tina Brown in her book, *The Diana Chronicles*.

With her direct, country house personality and candid conversation, peppered with language that was often blue, Camilla was irresistible to most upper class, and in this case royal, males.

Charles misjudged his early relationship with Camilla and was distraught to learn in 1973 when, stationed abroad with the Royal Navy, that his ex girlfriend had married the dashing 33-year-old Blues and Royals major Andrew Parker Bowles.

Despite Andrew’s – and later Camilla’s – infidelities, the marriage lasted 22 years and visitors to their raucous weekend parties, including the bachelor Prince of Wales, recalled how the conversation got louder and bawdier with the flowing of the claret.

Camilla and Andrew would shout jokes to one another across the dinner table and roar with laughter.

While Camilla brushed off her husband’s indiscretions in London during the week,

deep down she was often deeply hurt and humiliated.

Then they lived at Bolehyde Manor, near Chippenham and Charles had recently acquired Highgrove, a 347-acre estate in nearby Tetbury, with £750,000 of his Duchy of Cornwall funds.

Not only did Highgrove save Charles from the fate of sharing one of the family’s four palaces but its location, in the beautiful hamlet of Doughton, was near his favourite hunt, the Beaufort, Princess Anne’s Gatcombe Park home and just 45 minutes drive from the Parker Bowleses.

He soon set about an ambitious remodeling of the 18th century house and gardens into a gentleman’s retreat.

DEFYING local farmers who were accustomed to snickering at his ambitions, the King created a magical garden and a flourishing sustainable farm, yielding much of the organic crops sold within the Duchy Originals range.

In 1986, the Parker Bowleses moved three miles away to Middlewick House, an 18th century manor house in the village of Pickwick in Wiltshire.

If Diana, who came to detest Highgrove because of Camilla’s lingering proximity, hoped the move would drive a wedge between the lovers, she was wrong.

Camilla’s subsequent purchase of Ray Mill rooted her in Charles’ life as solidly as the grand cedars in the grounds. Nothing would separate them. But, as Camilla proved on Wednesday, even though she is now Queen Consort and her role has become even more pivotal to Charles, it doesn’t mean to say she will be joined to him at the hip.

Ray Mill, and her family and friends within it, keep Camilla grounded and will be her sanctuary away from the pressure of monarchy in the crucial months to come – and it is not something she is about to give up any time soon.

‘Camilla is warm-hearted, dependable and good fun to be with. Her untidiness did not matter’

Rescue of 38 at-sea migrants

By **Flora Thompson**

NEARLY 40 migrants trying to cross the Channel have been saved from death, after being found in the sea.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said 38 people were rescued yesterday morning after a small boat deflated off the Kent coast. No deaths were reported.

The Coastguard co-ordinated a search and rescue operation with the Royal Navy, Border Force and police.

A Coastguard helicopter from Lydd, a fixed-wing aircraft, RNLI lifeboats from Dover, and Border Force vessel Ranger were all used.

Stream

An MoD spokesman said yesterday: "The Ministry of Defence, Border Force, and the UK Coastguard are working on a co-ordinated response to an incident involving migrants travelling in small boats in the English Channel this morning."

A steady stream of crossings continued yesterday, amid calm conditions at sea – as the total for 2022 edged closer to 30,000.

Some 538 made the journey in 11 boats on Tuesday, according to the MoD, taking the provisional total for the year to 29,099.

The total for last year's crossings was smaller than this year's running total, at 28,526.

No crossings were recorded on Wednesday.

Tax cuts coming for millions in mini-budget next week

By **Sam Lister**
Political Editor

AN emergency mini-budget to deliver tax cuts promised by Liz Truss during her Tory leadership campaign will take place next Friday.

Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng is expected to reverse the 1.25 per cent hike in national insurance and halt plans to increase corporation tax from 19 to 25 per cent in April.

The Chancellor and the Prime Minister have made growing the economy a top priority, and reducing the tax burden is central to the plan.

Mr Kwarteng is also considering ripping up rules imposed by the European Union that restrict bankers' bonuses to help drive growth in the City.

Difficult

Annual pay-outs were limited to twice the salary level in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis.

Treasury insiders fear advantageous tax rates for bankers in Paris mean London is losing out on talented workers.

They also want to take advantage of Brexit to make the UK an attractive place for investment.

Mr Kwarteng told City bosses, "We need to be decisive and do things differently" as he set out an "unashamedly pro-growth plan". City



Bank proposal...for City of London

managers say the cap means salaries have to be permanently pushed up to make up for lower bonuses, which means their fixed costs are higher regardless of performance.

Scrapping the limit during the cost-of-living crisis is politically difficult, it was said, with trade unions and Labour attacking the proposals for helping the wealthiest.

But Professor Len Shackleton, from the Institute of Economic Affairs, said there would be "no losers" from the move and that any opposition is "just gesture politics". He said: "Mr

Kwarteng should ignore the naysayers and just plough ahead with this. If you can't deregulate in this area, you're never going to be able to deregulate anything."

Rachel Winter, from investment firm Killik & Co, questioned the timing of such a move but said it would raise extra government tax revenue.

She said: "Arguably, the banks do pay a lot of tax, so I think the Chancellor is looking at ways to boost the UK economy to get more banks to come to London, to stay in London and pay more tax."

But TUC general secretary Frances O'Grady said: "Bonuses in the City are already at a record high."

"While City executives rake it in, millions are struggling to keep their heads above water."

"Working people are being walloped by soaring prices after the longest and harshest wage squeeze in modern history."

"The Chancellor's number one priority should be getting wages rising for everyone – not boosting bumper bonuses for those at the top."

Sources close to the Chancellor said no decision has yet been made on the proposal.

Slammed plan...
Frances O'Grady



Big ideas...
Kwasi Kwarteng aims to grow the economy



FOODBANK USE SOARS AMONG THE LOW PAID

MORE than half of the low-paid have used a food bank in the past year, with many more visiting in recent months.

And four out of five of 2,000 workers polled say the cost-of-living crisis is the worst financial period they have ever faced, said the Living Wage Foundation.

It said almost half of low-paid workers now regularly skip meals and nearly a third cannot afford to heat their homes.

Almost a quarter of all workers have taken out a payday loan to cover essentials, said the report.

Living Wage Foundation director Katherine Chapman said: "Everyone is feeling the pressure from soaring inflation, low-paid workers are being hit harder than most, with well over half using food banks in the last 12 months."

"These shocking findings bring to life what it's like to be paid less than a real living wage during a cost-of-living-crisis."

"It's more important than ever that those employers who can, step up and provide a wage based on the cost of living."

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Cold reality sinks in for a war-torn Russia in the red

WHOLLY contradictory versions of the Russian economy are racing round the ether. Moscow avers it will shrink by about three per cent this year due to Western sanctions.

First Deputy Premier Belousov claims it will be down two per cent this year and one per cent next. The analysts at Yale University have a completely different view, backed by "unconventional data sources". That means espionage and is certainly more reliable than officialdom – in any country!

These sources report that the flight of foreign businesses has now reached a point where their departure has caused a reduction of 40 per cent of the Russian GDP. Predictions from behind the arras claim Putin's economy is about to implode if this goes on – and there is no sign of it stopping or even relenting.

The Russian people, after centuries of dictatorship under tsar or commissar, are famous for accepting suffering that would cause an uprising among people expecting better, but when the winter misery strikes how much more can they take? And all to indulge Putin's obsession to conquer Ukraine.

Russia has a long history of brutal leaders but also of violent changes of leadership – usually triggered by a revolt inside the citadel of power.

Other covert reports suggest disenchantment with him is not confined to the dole queues. Are red lights now flashing very close to the Kremlin?

This long, hard, dark and freezing winter will tell us.

IT SEEMS yet another Russian tycoon who fell out with Vladimir Putin or criticised his Ukraine war has taken a sky-dive from a high window without the formality of a parachute.

Someone must be keeping score but these "accidents" must be close to a score by now. Some have stopped a bullet in the back of the head, others descended from penthouse to basement without waiting for the lift.

Mr Ravil Maganov, boss of Lukoil, went to a Moscow hospital for a check-up, found an open window on the eighth floor and went out of it. He is now beyond medication, having forgotten that the thug of the Kremlin also controls the mafia underworld and its corps of paid killers.

This was the sixth such incident this year. Rather a risky city for critics of the Ukraine war.



Rejoice for a life of sublime leadership

Picture: CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY

IF I SAY this in a nation consumed by grief and in a week of tearful farewells, it is because I truly believe the departed lady would have taken the same view. Hers was not a life to weep over but to celebrate with joy.

It was a long life; it is given to few of us to live for 96 years, and finally to depart without lingering in pain but gently, calmly, surrounded by ones dearly loved family. It was a life of many joys and triumphs and few sorrows. She lived to cuddle her great-grandchildren, to the delight of both.

She worshipped the God in whom she deeply believed and He seems to have poured blessings upon her.

As little more than a girl she took a solemn oath of service and duty to a sometimes fractious people and brought, calm, dignity and human kindness. She abided by that oath to her last breath and was rewarded by the love, affection and admiration of not just the British but of uncounted millions beyond our shores.

During those years she witnessed amazing things: some grievous and scary like the Second World War, some almost unbelievable like men actually walking on the moon. In her private life she spent seven decades married to a man she adored and who doted on her – a union granted to so few of us.

Her four children and their numerous sons and daughters loved her deeply, and she them.

Rifts? Yes, a few, and griefs like the car-crash death of a daughter-in-law, but so many less than loves and joys. As head of state she discharged uncounted duties with calmness – the state occasions, investitures, receptions, welcoming foreign ambassadors, high commissioners and heads of state. From



HAPPY AND GLORIOUS:
Queen put the country's needs first

our island fortress we saw other headships of state consumed in shame, scandal, national division – but never ours.

We had her, always there, calm, dignified, doing us proud, a credit to us all, thinking always of this country, never herself. We know she had her private joys – beaming if her horses won a race, playing with

her corgis on the lawn, watching her Highland Games.

But over all came her true icons – God, country and us, very much HER people. The huge majority of us responded with a returning love and affection, from that gilded carriage-ride to the Coronation in 1953 to the installation of her last prime minister a few days ago. She

was a great lady, in all senses of those two words and we, the British, have been so lucky.

So amid the tears let us also rejoice; not at her passing but at her amazing life and the service she gave to this country and to us. These at least must be a source of abiding joy in the remembering over the years to come.

BRITAIN HAS THE SCIENCE, IT JUST NEEDS THE ENERGY FOR SOVEREIGN POWER

IF NEWLY-INSTALLED Liz Truss does as she has announced and sweeps aside the eco-idiots to re-permit fracking for the huge seas of shale gas and oil beneath our feet, a large glass will be raised to her in the garden of Chateau Fred.

It may take a while but we need to start now. Modern technology has reduced the earthquake risk to the ultra-rare and extremely mild category. We have the science, we need the energy.

Any nation, to be wealthy and powerful,

needs energy subject to four adjectives – ample, reliable, affordable and sovereign – meaning internally owned and controlled.

The fate of poor, vulnerable Germany, facing misery and maybe huge unrest as Putin cuts off its oil and gas, must be a lesson to us all and remain so.

In his last too-late gesture Boris Johnson gave the go-ahead to another form of self-controlled energy-generation – the nuclear option. Once again our brilliant scientists have done us proud; the science exists for fast,

small, clean nuclear power plants to help power Britain.

And of course, if I've said it before forgive me, there remains unexplored our other huge national asset – the tides that roar in and out of our coast twice a day – guaranteed and free.

If only we could harness those trillions of therms... I remain convinced we could if we tried. It would make us the energy-generators of the world, with a massive and lucrative export market for the surplus.

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TV pundit...Eddie Butler

Rugby ace Butler is dead at 65

By **Helen Bennicke**

EDDIE Butler, the former Wales rugby captain and BBC pundit, has died aged 65 while on a trek in Peru.

He had been on a charity trip when he died in his sleep, it emerged yesterday.

Eddie played 16 times for Wales between 1980 and 1984, captaining the side six times.

News of his death prompted tributes across the worlds of rugby and broadcasting.

Tim Davie, BBC director general, said: "Everyone at BBC Sport is shocked and saddened by this very sad news. Eddie was a brilliantly gifted commentator. He will be much missed by all of us."



Positive...Sarah in wig

'New day, new wig' for Sarah

By **Mark Jefferies**

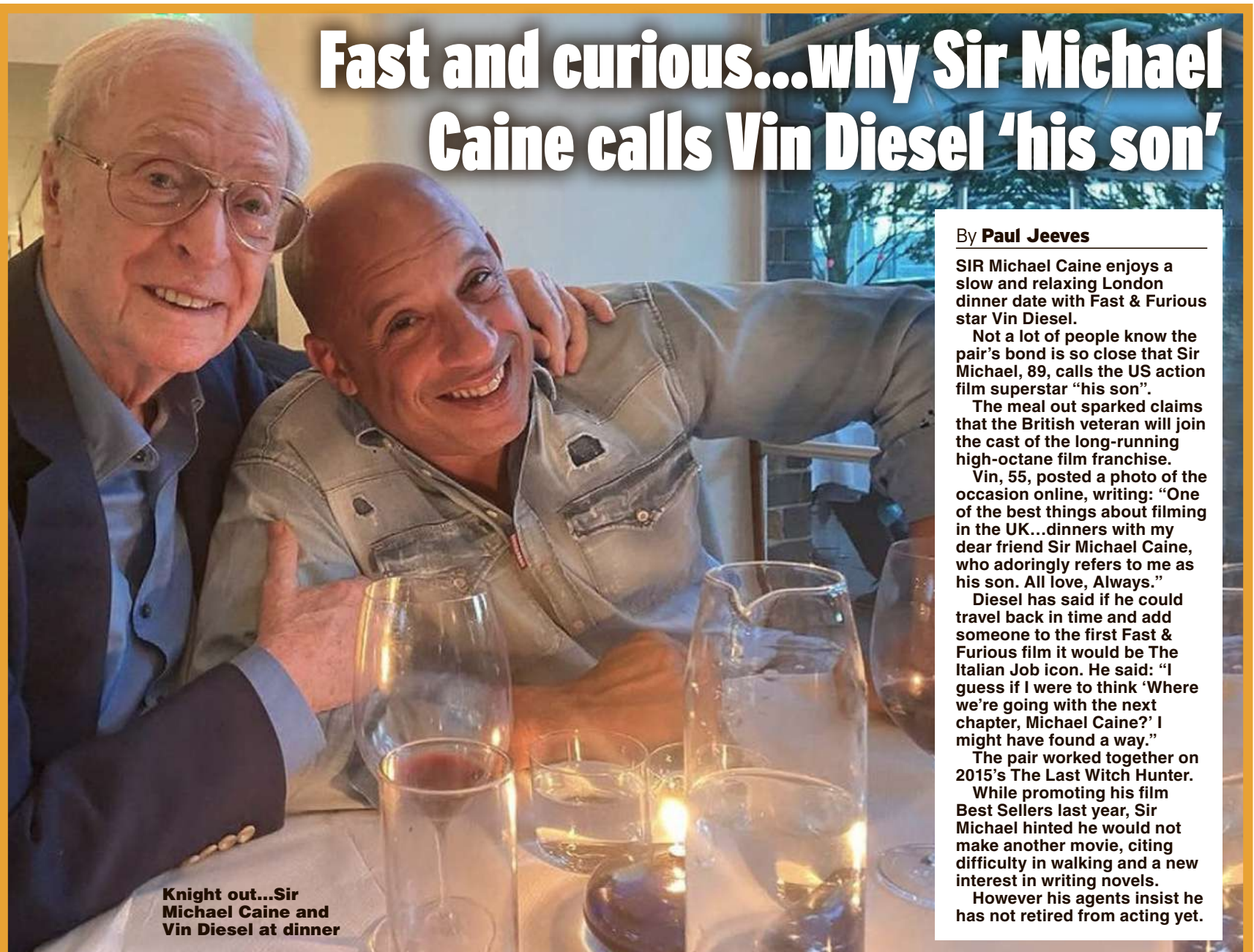
PRESENTER Sarah Beeny has shown off her new wig after revealing most of her hair fell out when she started chemotherapy.

The Property Ladder host, 50, received a heartbreaking breast cancer diagnosis last month.

Sarah told fans, seeing her locks fall out was "much harder" than she expected. But she shaved her head and started wearing wigs.

Yesterday, she uploaded a photo with long blonde hair and wrote: "New day, new wig. This might be more fun than I expected!"

Previously, she posted: "In 24 hours, most hair fell out."



Knight out...Sir Michael Caine and Vin Diesel at dinner

Fast and curious...why Sir Michael Caine calls Vin Diesel 'his son'

By **Paul Jeeves**

SIR Michael Caine enjoys a slow and relaxing London dinner date with Fast & Furious star Vin Diesel.

Not a lot of people know the pair's bond is so close that Sir Michael, 89, calls the US action film superstar "his son".

The meal out sparked claims that the British veteran will join the cast of the long-running high-octane film franchise.

Vin, 55, posted a photo of the occasion online, writing: "One of the best things about filming in the UK...dinners with my dear friend Sir Michael Caine, who adorably refers to me as his son. All love, Always."

Diesel has said if he could travel back in time and add someone to the first Fast & Furious film it would be The Italian Job icon. He said: "I guess if I were to think 'Where we're going with the next chapter, Michael Caine?' I might have found a way."

The pair worked together on 2015's The Last Witch Hunter.

While promoting his film Best Sellers last year, Sir Michael hinted he would not make another movie, citing difficulty in walking and a new interest in writing novels.

However his agents insist he has not retired from acting yet.

By **Paul Jeeves**

TENNIS ace Roger Federer said announcing his retirement was a "bittersweet decision" after 20 Grand Slam titles and a record eight men's singles Wimbledon triumphs.

He said yesterday that his last game will be at next week's Laver Cup at London's O2 arena.

The Swiss star, 41, has not hit a ball competitively since Wimbledon last year, after which he endured a third knee operation. He said: "My body's message to me lately has been clear."

"I have played more than 1,500 matches over 24 years. Now I must recognise when it is time to end my competitive career."

He added: "To the game of tennis, I love you and will never leave you."

Federer has struggled with a knee problem for the past three years which restricted him to only three of the 11 Grand Slam tournaments since the start of 2020.

He has not played a competitive match since losing in the quarter-finals at Wimbledon last summer. The star then said he needed more knee surgery having had two operations.

Federer, regarded by many as the greatest men's player, has competed in a golden era.

Only Spain's Rafael Nadal, with 22 majors, and Serbia's Novak Djokovic, with 21, have more men's Grand Slam singles titles.

Federer added: "This is a bittersweet decision

20-time Grand Slam winner Federer calls time on stellar career

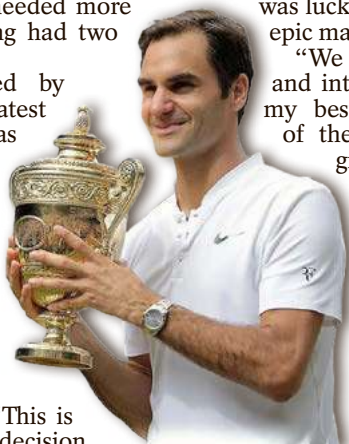
because I will miss everything the tour has given me. But, at the same time, there is so much to celebrate. I consider myself one of the most fortunate people on earth.

"I was given a special talent to play tennis and I did it at a level that I never imagined for much longer than I ever thought possible."

Federer thanked his opponents. "I was lucky enough to play so many epic matches I will never forget."

"We battled fairly, with passion and intensity, and I always tried my best to respect the history of the game. I feel extremely grateful. We pushed each other, and together we took tennis to new levels."

Wimbledon organisers said yesterday: "We will so miss the sight of you gracing our courts, but all we can say for now is thank you for the memories and joy you have given to so many."



Picture: GETTY

Farewell... Roger Federer won a record eight Wimbledon titles, far left

LOW-FAT DAIRY 'HELPS FIGHT TYPE 2 DIABETES'

By **Stephen Beech**

MODERATE portions of milk and cheese may protect against type 2 diabetes, researchers said today.

But red and processed meats raise the risk, Italian scientists claim.

Their study shows dairy products – especially low-fat ones and yoghurt – are associated with a lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Red and processed meats could be replaced by moderate amounts of fish and eggs, the team suggests.

Type 2 is the most common form of diabetes, when the pancreas cannot make enough insulin or the insulin does not work properly. Overweight is the main risk and cases are rising.

They can lead to vision loss, heart and kidney disease plus circulation problems leading to foot amputation.

Diet advice recommends plant-based foods such as wholegrains, vegetables, fruit, legumes, olive oil and limited animal products.

Knowing how products are linked to Type 2 helps good food choices.

Dr Annalisa Giosue of the University of Naples

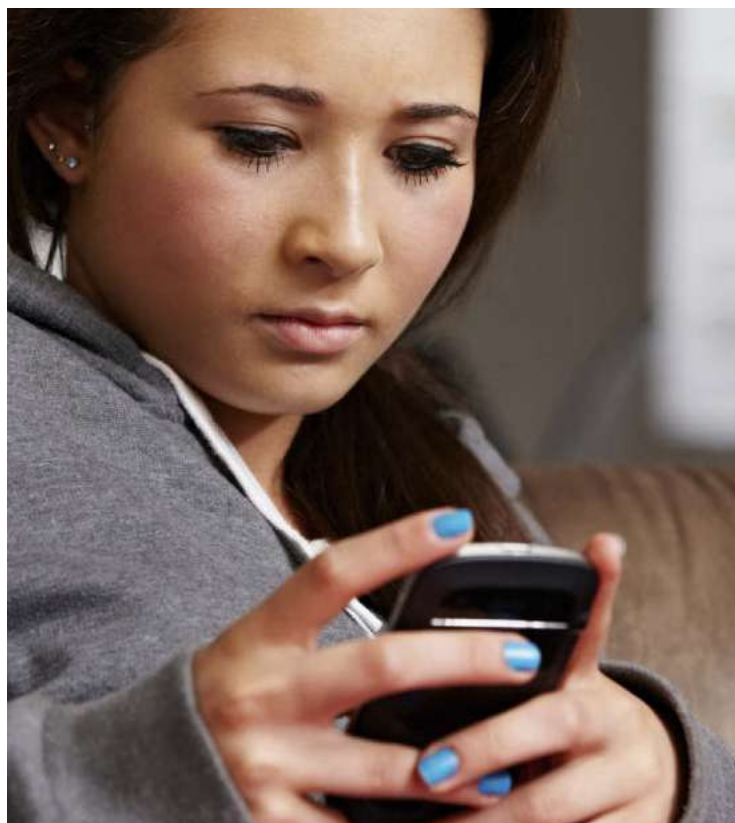
Federico II advised:

“Red and processed meat should be eaten especially sparingly”.

More will be known when the European Association for the Study of Diabetes meets in Stockholm next week.



‘Early puberty triggered by using phones at night’



Screen alert...blue light emitted by phones can reduce melatonin

THE blue light radiated from smartphones and tablets may be causing early puberty in children, according to research.

The glare from devices’ screens triggers melatonin – a hormone that slows sexual maturity.

And scientists warn they should not be used before bed. The chemical is secreted at night – in response to darkness.

Report author Dr Aylin Kilinc Ugurlu, of Ankara City Hospital, said: “We would advise the use of blue light-emitting devices should be minimised in pre-pubertal children – especially in the evening when exposure may have the most hormone-altering effects.”

Scientists found that devices also fuelled reproductive hormones – and triggered physical changes in ovaries. Worryingly, they may even trigger infertility.

Dr Ugurlu said: “In the last 10 years, blue light sources such as tablets and phones have increased in every age group. [And] especially due to the pandemic, screen exposure increased in childhood.”

It has implications for a phenomenon that has baffled paediatricians for years. On average, girls

By **Mark Waghorn**

will begin puberty around the age of 11 and boys 12. But there are signs they are undergoing the change a year or more sooner.

Some girls are even developing breasts at six or seven. Obesity, chemicals and stress are blamed.

Experiments have shown long periods of exposure to blue light speeds up puberty in female rats.

The time-point is roughly equivalent, relative to life expectancy.

Hormonal and ovulation changes during pre-puberty and puberty are also comparable.

The findings, presented at an European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology meeting in Rome, are likely to apply to humans.

Dr Ugurlu called for further investigations and said: “We have found blue light exposure, sufficient to alter melatonin levels, is also able to alter reproductive hormone levels and cause earlier puberty onset in our rat model.”

Screen-time is already known to disrupt sleep. It affects the body clock by inhibiting the evening rise in melatonin, which prepares us for rest and sleep.

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New path...Chouinard

Planet not profit for billionaire

By **Chris Bucktin**
US Editor

THE ultrarich founder of outdoor clothing firm Patagonia has given away his £2.6billion business to help fight climate change.

Yvon Chouinard, 83, who founded the company in 1973, transferred his ownership of the US brand to a nonprofit organisation and a specially-designed trust.

Fighting

Mr Chouinard said he now wants to ensure all the firm's £87million annual profits go solely to green causes.

He added: "We needed to find a way to put more money into fighting the crisis..."

"We couldn't be sure a new owner would maintain our values or keep our team around the world employed."

"Another path was to take the company public but public companies with good intentions are under too much pressure to create short-term gain at the expense of long-term vitality and responsibility."

Fired for slapping

By **Adam Dutton**

TWO senior policemen who slapped and pinched the bottoms of female colleagues have been sacked.

Special Chief Inspector Andy Whitworth and former Special Sergeant Gary Sims were off-duty when they touched the women on a night out in Derby in October.

A British Transport Police disciplinary hearing found their actions amounted to gross misconduct.

Detective Superintendent Pete Fulton said: "These two senior officers abused their positions and subjected two junior colleagues to unwarranted sexualised behaviour."

Great ball of fire... Footage taken by hundreds of people at night caught a luminous shard of light amid the stars

Riddle of the flaming orb from space

A MYSTERIOUS and dazzling fireball streaks through the night sky – prompting nearly 800 reports of the "incredible" sight.

The UK Meteor Network began receiving alerts about the burning orb over Scotland and Northern Ireland, after 9pm on Wednesday.

Danny Nell, 21, was walking his dog in Johnstone, near Glasgow and said: "I just saw the flash in

By **Mark Reynolds**

the sky and pulled out my phone and recorded it. I thought it may be a firework at first because there was a lot of Scottish football on, but quickly realised it wasn't."

Steve Owens, of the Glasgow Science Centre, said: "It was incredible, I could see that it was fragmenting, little bits coming off

it and streaking across the sky for at least 10 seconds.

"I could tell it was something special because I could see through broken cloud."

After examining videos, the UK Meteor Network said yesterday that by their calculations "this was space debris", most of which will have "landed in the Atlantic south of the Hebrides".

By **Jan Disley**

A DRIVER who killed a 14-year-old girl in front of her sister as he raced along streets at 93mph has been jailed for six years and nine months.

Courtney Ellis died instantly as she was hit by Brandon Turton's car, Liverpool Crown Court heard.

Her sister Morgan, 18, still struggles to come to terms with it. She yelled "Courtney please don't die, please don't leave me!" after the crash.

Courtney's mother Angela Burke came across the horror as she headed home from work. She said it was a parent's "worst nightmare" and told Turton as he was sentenced: "The night that you killed my daughter was the most horrific experience."

"Having to see your lifeless child's body broken is indescribable. I will never forgive you. You thought you were above the law."

Turton, now 21, of Newton-le Willows, Merseyside, admitted causing death by dangerous driving and wept in the dock as he was jailed.

He had been 19 and racing a Renault Megane against another vehicle when the accident happened.

Ben Jones, prosecuting, said the crash was at 9.50pm. Turton had been driving at between 73 and 93mph.

Courtney had spent the day with friends. Although there was a suggestion she might have run across the road, Turton's speed caused the crash.

Mr Jones said Turton and three passengers had spent the evening driving around "for something to do". They

Street racer is jailed for killing girl, 14, in 93mph crash horror

Pictures: ELLIS FAMILY/SWNS



Victim...Courtney Ellis; flower tributes at scene; killer driver Brandon Turton



met another driver in a Haydock store car park and set off "in convoy".

Mr Jones played footage of the cars "competing" including dangerous overtaking and Turton "driving on the wrong side of a traffic island".

One passenger told Turton to slow down or he would get out. Turton was

"angered or jealous" as two passengers flirted and his driving "changed suddenly, picking up speed".

Judge David Potter said that Turton swerved to try and avoid Courtney but he was going "far too fast. The force propelled Courtney on to the windscreen of the car which shattered.

She was then thrown on to the road having suffered catastrophic injuries from which she died, mercifully, instantaneously. Her sister and her friend were both traumatised by what had taken place in front of them."

He said to Turton's credit he stopped at the scene but he had been driving at a "grossly excessive speed".

Judge Potter added: "Courtney was a child with enormous compassion and promise who leaves behind a shattered and traumatised family."

The court heard Turton had written a letter stating how "deeply sorry" he was, and the judge acknowledged he had shown "genuine remorse".

But he said that Turton would live for the rest of his life with the consequences of what he did.

Turton, who had no previous convictions, was also disqualified from driving for a total of seven years and four months.

CITY TURNS PINK TO



Final journey... Olivia's coffin is taken by horse-drawn carriage to St Margaret Mary's Church in Knotty Ash. Right, her school head Rebecca Wilkinson attends the service



Sorrow...Cheryl Korbel holds her beloved daughter's teddy bear. Below, mourners wear the family's requested 'splash of pink'. Bottom, Olivia's coffin with floral tributes. Main, pallbearers carry the butterfly-adorned casket





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SAY GOODBYE TO OLIVIA

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‘She touched so many hearts and was adored’

Bereft mother leads funeral tributes to girl, nine, shot dead at home

THE weeping mother of Olivia Pratt-Korbel said “goodnight” to her beloved daughter yesterday – while clutching her favourite pink teddy bear.

Cheryl Korbel told mourners at her funeral how the murdered nine year old had “touched so many people’s hearts”.

Olivia was shot dead and her mother wounded as a gunman chased a stranger into their Liverpool home.

And the city was shrouded in Olivia’s favourite colour of bright pink as primary school friends, relatives, loved ones and well-wishers flocked to St Margaret Mary’s Church in Knotty Ash for her funeral mass.

Giving an emotional eulogy to her cherished child, Cheryl told the tearful congregation how Olivia was born six weeks premature and fought for life in a special baby unit.

She said: “She was so small yet even as a newborn she had her own mind.”

Cheryl added that even as a toddler Olivia would choose her clothes, adding:

By **Chris Riches**

“Although she loved sparkle and glitz she would never go overboard and was very particular. Olivia was chatty and bubbly and would talk for England, to the point we thought she had Duracell batteries inside her somewhere! Olivia loved to sing and dance. She’d always be singing along in the car.”

Heartbroken Cheryl added that Olivia could hilariously mimic her family and adored animals, even pushing pet dog Gizmo around in a pram. Cheryl said: “Olivia knew how to wrap people around her little finger, especially her brother Ryan and sister Chloe.”

“Liv touched so many hearts and was adored by everyone. I will never say goodbye but what I will say is goodnight, love you, see you in the morning.”

Mourners lined the streets to pay their respects as Olivia’s white coffin, covered in pink butterflies, arrived at the church in a

white carriage drawn by two white horses sporting pink feather plumes. Pink ties, jackets, scarves and bows were worn by those attending after Olivia’s family asked people to wear a “splash of pink”.

One pink heart-shaped wreath bore the words “Daddy’s Girl” and included a photo of beaming Olivia with her doting dad John Francis Pratt. His eulogy, read by parish priest Father Roy Cooper, described “our very own little diva” and said Olivia was kind, caring and helpful.

There were also floral tributes that said “daughter” and “Liv” and others in the shape of unicorns. Amazing Grace was sung as Olivia’s coffin left the church, with those outside applauding as the cortege left for a private burial.

Pink hearts were placed on the next-door fences of St Margaret Mary’s School, where she was a pupil. Headteacher Rebecca Wilkinson was at the service after describing this week how all 480 pupils have been offered counselling.

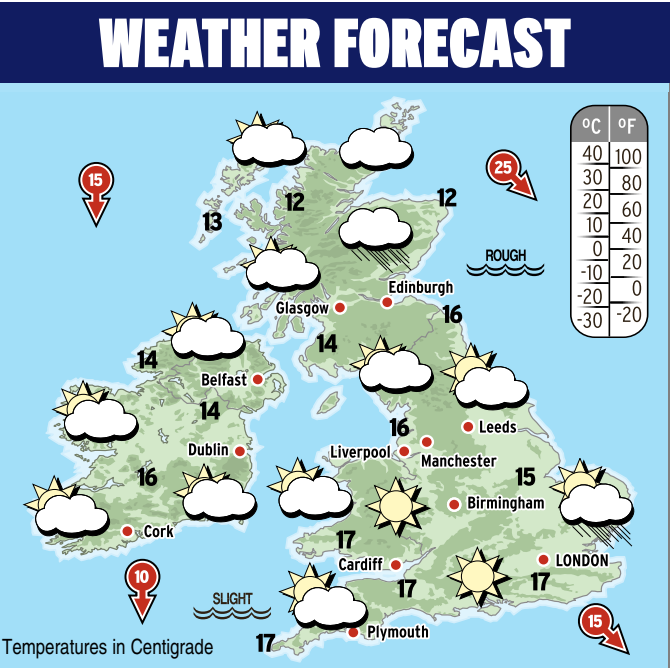
Nine men have been arrested and released so far in connection with Olivia’s murder in Dovecot on August 22. Lord Ashcroft has offered a £50,000 reward for information leading to her killer’s conviction.



Doting... Dad’s floral tribute



‘Chatty and bubbly’...Olivia loved to dance and sing



Today's summary: Mainly dry with sunny spells

North West: Dry with sunshine although more in the way of cloud later. Moderate northerly winds. High 15C (59F).

Northern Ireland: A dry day with spells of sunshine and patchy cloud. Moderate northerly winds. High 14C (57F).

Wales: Fine and dry with lengthy periods of autumn sunshine. Gentle northerly winds. High 16C (61F).

Midlands: Fine and dry with long periods of autumn sunshine. Moderate northerly winds. High 16C (61F).

North East/Yorks: Dry and bright with sunshine but also patchy cloud. Moderate north-westerly winds. High 15C (59F).

Scotland: Mainly dry with sunny spells and patchy cloud. Brisk northerly winds with a risk of gales. High 15C (59F).

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: A cold start. Then dry with periods of sunshine but variable cloud will build and there is a threat of showers, largely for northern Scotland.

East Anglia: Spells of sunshine, but also light showers. Strong north-westerly winds. Chilly. High 15C (59F).

London/South East: A dry and bright day with clear skies and lots of sunshine. Moderate northerly winds. High 17C (63F).

South: A dry and fine day with plenty of autumn sunshine. Moderate northerly winds. High 17C (63F).

South West: Dry and fine with lengthy spells of sunshine. A sunny evening. Moderate northerly winds. High 18C (64F).

Channel Isles: A dry and bright day with clear skies and bright sunshine. Moderate northerly winds. High 17C (63F).

Sea: North Sea: Moderate. Irish Sea: Moderate. Channel: Moderate.

SIX-DAY FORECAST						
Temperatures in Centigrade						
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Belfast	10 15	8 15	9 16	11 17	12 17	11 16
Birmingham	9 16	7 15	6 16	8 17	10 19	10 18
Cardiff	8 18	8 17	7 17	9 18	12 18	12 19
Glasgow	10 15	6 15	8 16	11 16	12 17	11 16
Manchester	10 15	7 15	6 15	8 16	10 18	11 18
Newcastle	8 15	5 13	5 14	8 16	10 18	10 17
Norwich	9 15	10 15	10 16	10 15	11 18	12 19
Plymouth	8 18	10 18	10 18	11 18	14 19	14 18

24 hours to 5pm		SUN (hrs)	RAIN (hrs)	TEMP (min) (max)	Britain yesterday		Moon, sun and tides	
Aberdeen	5.9	0.16	9	12	Glasgow	9.1 0.00 7 16	MOON rises: 9.39pm, sets: 1.58pm	
Aberporth	2.4	0.00	13	15	Hull	6.0 0.00 12 16	SUN rises London: 6.36am, sets: 7.13pm	
Alnwick	6.8	0.02	10	15	Ipswich	3.4 0.00 10 18	Manchester rises: 6.44am, sets: 7.22pm	
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Britain Extremes:					Warmest: Langdon Bay 19C (66F)			
					Colest: Shap 3C (37F)			
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					Sunniest: Glasgow/Bishopnorton 10.6hr.			

Today			Europe forecast			Tomorrow		
Amsterdam	Showers	16C/61F	Amsterdam	Showers	16C/61F	Amsterdam	Showers	16C/61F
Brussels	Showers	14C/57F	Brussels	Showers	14C/57F	Brussels	Showers	14C/57F
Dublin	Fair	15C/59F	Dublin	Cloudy	15C/59F	Dublin	Cloudy	15C/59F
Frankfurt	Showers	16C/61F	Frankfurt	Showers	15C/59F	Frankfurt	Showers	15C/59F
Geneva	Fair	21C/70F	Geneva	Fair	15C/59F	Geneva	Fair	15C/59F
Lisbon	Fair	26C/79F	Lisbon	Sunny	29C/84F	Lisbon	Sunny	29C/84F
Madrid	Sunny	28C/82F	Madrid	Sunny	28C/82F	Madrid	Sunny	28C/82F
Paris	Fair	17C/63F	Paris	Sunny	18C/64F	Paris	Sunny	18C/64F
Rome	Fair	28C/82F	Rome	Sunny	27C/81F	Rome	Sunny	27C/81F

Around the world yesterday								
Amsterdam	Fair	19 66	Hong Kong	Fair	33 91	New York	Sunny	25 77
Athens	Sunny	29 84	Istanbul	Sunny	25 77	Nice	Sunny	27 81
Barcelona	Sunny	29 84	Jersey	Fair	18 64	Nicosia	Sunny	33 91
Berlin	Fair	18 64	Larnaca	Sunny	30 86	Perth	Cloudy	18 64
Budapest	Fair	27 81	Las Palmas	Sunny	27 81	Prague	Rain	14 57
Cairo	Sunny	29 84	Los Angeles	Fair	26 79	Singapore	Fair	30 86
Cape Town	Sunny	21 70	Luxor	Sunny	34 93	Stockholm	Shwrs	12 54
Casablanca	Sunny	26 79	Malaga	Sunny	29 84	Sydney	Shwrs	18 64
Corfu	Fair	27 81	Mallorca	Sunny	30 86	Tel Aviv	Sunny	30 86
Dublin	Cloudy	15 59	Malta	Sunny	29 84	Tenerife	Sunny	27 81
Dubrovnik	Fair	26 79	Melbourne	Cloudy	14 57	Toronto	Cloudy	23 73
Faro	Fair	23 73	Miami	Cloudy	31 88	Tunis	Sunny	37 99
Florence	Shwrs	26 79	Moscow	Drizzle	13 55	Venice	Fair	27 81
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By **Mark Reynolds**

RUSSIA was branded a “terrorist state” by Ukraine’s Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday after a missile strike on a dam near his home city.

The targeted attack on the Karachunivske reservoir near Kryvyi Rih in the south – where the president grew up – left homes flooded and residents having to evacuate.

When informed of the destruction, a furious Mr Zelensky made a televised address, telling the Kremlin: “You are weaklings who fight civilians.”

And in an apparent reference to Ukraine’s recent military successes in a swift counter-offensive in the country’s north-eastern Kharkiv region, he added: “Scoundrels who, having escaped from the battlefield, are trying to do harm from somewhere far away.”

In an impassioned speech, Mr Zelensky said the reservoir had “no military value at all”, alluding to it being an act of revenge by Moscow for Ukrainian gains.

In Kryvyi Rih itself, residents in some areas were told to get out. City mayor Oleksandr Vilkul yesterday said the situation was now under control.

He added that two overnight blasts were carried out to increase water flow from the dam to the Inhulets river.

Water supplies have been affected in the city, which had a pre-war population of more than 600,000.

Officials said the river broke through the dam and its banks overflowed, flooding some homes.

Blackouts

Mr Vilkul said yesterday morning water levels in the river had now “dropped considerably”. He added that there were no casualties.

Moscow has not publicly commented on the reported missile strikes.

But Russia’s military earlier admitted hitting energy-generating targets that caused widespread blackouts affecting millions of people in eastern Ukraine last weekend.

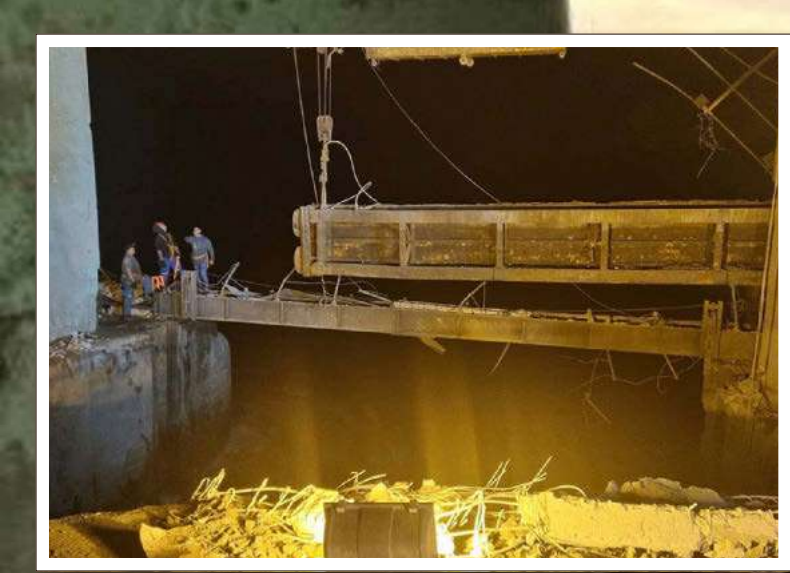
The destruction of vital civilian infrastructure appears to be a growing tactic of the Kremlin as its forces struggle on the battlefield.

Earlier this week, Mr Zelensky claimed his troops had retaken more than 2,317 sq miles previously under Kremlin control in the north-east and the south in September. He said Russian forces had retreated, adding: “The movement of our troops continues.”

“From the beginning of September until today, our warriors have already liberated more than 6,000 sq km of the territory of Ukraine.”

Mr Zelensky visited the recently recaptured city of Izyum, a key logistics hub in the Kharkiv region, on Wednesday. He thanked troops who took part in the counteroffensive and pledged Ukraine’s flag would fly over

Pictures: REUTERS



Disaster zone...the Karachunivske reservoir dam was hit and banks burst, below. Inset



Meanwhile, the Ukrainian counteroffensive continues to gather pace.

Troops have gained more ground, although some cities such as Mykolaiv in the south, are still suffering under the onslaught of shelling.

Amid growing disquiet in Moscow over Russia’s performance on the battlefield, Ukrainian soldiers have now forced their way into the occupied Donbas.

It comes as Kremlin commanders –

every city and village in the country.

But he also warned that the Russian aggressors would not be forgiven for the atrocities they have committed.

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Zelensky's home city flooded in Russian attack on dam



low on equipment and supplies – continue to beat a hasty retreat.

However, Russia's Foreign Ministry yesterday warned the US, it would cross a "red line" and become "a party to the conflict" if it supplies Kyiv with longer-range missiles.

Kremlin Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova added that Russia "reserves the right to defend its territory". Washington has already supplied Ukraine with advanced

rockets that can hit targets up to 50 miles away.

It has so far held back from saying whether it will send rockets with a capacity of more than double that range. US officials insist Ukraine has promised not to use its missiles to strike Russian territory.

Ms Zakharova stated: "If Washington does decide to supply longer-range missiles to Kyiv, then it will be crossing a red line."



PRESIDENT ESCAPES CAR CRASH WITH 'NO SERIOUS INJURIES' AS DRIVER RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

VOLODYMYR Zelensky was last night reported to be fit and well following a crash.

Ukraine's president was uninjured when the car he was travelling in collided with a civilian vehicle yesterday, Kyiv officials said.

Mr Zelensky's spokesman revealed the President was examined by doctors travelling with him after the accident in the capital.

Sergei Nikiforov said the car driver was taken to hospital in an ambulance and the cause of the crash was being investigated. He added: "In

Kyiv, a car collided with the car of the President of Ukraine and escort vehicles.

"The doctors accompanying the head of state provided the motorist with emergency assistance.

"The President was examined by a doctor, no serious injuries were found. Law enforcement officers will find out all the circumstances."

Minutes after the statement was issued, Mr Zelensky made his nightly televised address to the war-torn nation, but he did not mention the

accident. The crash happened just hours after he visited his victorious troops in Izyum, an eastern city retaken from Russian invaders.

Ukrainian troops are continuing to claw back ground in their ongoing counter-offensive.

Mr Zelensky said that they are "moving in only one direction – forward and towards victory."

His Western-armed forces have now reached the edge of the Donbas region, which is currently Russian-held, as they continue to sweep eastwards.

Four years for rapist barrister

By **John Twomey**

A BARRISTER who had been convicted of rape collapsed in the dock yesterday after yelling at jurors: "I didn't do it!"

Robin Jacobs called out "Oh my God" on the floor of the Old Bailey.

He was sent to jail for four years and thanked Judge John Hillen for imposing the lowest possible sentence.

The jury had heard the lawyer raped a woman he met on dating app Tinder, after they had had consensual sex.

She told him to stop and screamed "Get out!" but he continued to rape her for 30 seconds.

Jacobs, 39, offered to comfort his distressed victim with a "cuddle" and suggested that she take paracetamol.

He said: "It's not funny, I shouldn't laugh" before chuckling to himself, jurors heard.

The barrister, of Woodford, east London was found guilty by a majority of 10-2 of raping the woman, who is in her 30s, in 2017.

The re-trial came after a previous jury failed to agree a verdict.

Jacobs shouted: "I didn't do it! I was telling you the truth, I didn't do it!" before he was ordered to sit down.

The court had heard he has autism spectrum disorder and struggles to read social signals.

Stones will keep rolling

By **Mark Jefferies**

ROLLING Stones keyboard player Chuck Leavell says the band has no intention to stop touring.

The Stones have just completed their Sixty tour celebrating six decades of the group.

Chuck, 70, has been playing with them since 1982 and even though original members Sir Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are now 79 and 78 respectively, he says retirement has never been discussed.

Chuck said: "How much longer can it go on? I don't think any of us know, really."

"I say that as long as it makes sense, as long as we are able to perform at this level, as long as we stay healthy, as long as the fans will come."

The Sixty tour grossed \$120million. Audiences totalled 712,000.

30-SECOND CHALLENGE

JUST follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row. Set your own 30-second challenge.
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Olivia Pratt-Korbel's mother Cheryl at her daughter's funeral

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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WORLD'S OLDEST HEART REVEALED

By Nilima Marshall

A PERFECTLY preserved heart from a 380 million-year-old fossilised fish has been found. Scientists say it could shed light on how creatures, including humans, evolved. Researchers, who also uncovered a fossilised stomach, intestine and liver, believe it is the world's oldest heart. It comes from a Devonian period jawed fish, which is similar to a modern shark, according to findings published in the journal Science. The fossil was discovered on a reef in the Kimberley region of western Australia. Professor Kate Trinajstić, lead researcher from Curtin University in Australia, said it was "remarkable" to find soft tissues of ancient species so "beautifully preserved". She said it was a "unique window" to see how the head and neck began to evolve to accommodate jaws, adding: "We were especially surprised to learn they were not so different from us."



Relic...Prof Trinajstić and heart fossil

Property developer fined £50k for chopping down ancient oak trees

Pictures: DAILY ECHO/SOLENT NEWS

A PROPERTY developer has been told to pay £68,000 after ignoring residents' pleas and felling dozens of protected century-old oaks.

James Barney – who had “access to a rich sea of funding” – planned to build holiday lets on the plot he had recently bought, a court heard.

He was fined £50,000 at Southampton magistrates court after admitting breaching tree preservation rules and ordered to pay £17,841 legal costs of Eastleigh Borough Council plus a £190 victim surcharge.

Angry neighbours woken by building work told him the oaks had a tree protection order. Cutting, damaging or destroying the wood at Scoreys Copse, Horton Heath, Hants, was banned



By Mark Reynolds

without planners' written consent. Barney, 35, who lives with his parents in a £2.3million house in nearby Bursledon, said he did not know of the order when he cut them down.

He must now clear the area and plant 650 trees, including 37 mature oaks, at a cost of £25-£30,000.

Prosecuting, barrister Edmund Robb said: “A neighbour came downstairs and heard a great deal of noise and saw a digger.” Witnesses saw contractors start the felling and a councillor arrived to say that the work should be halted due to the tree order – but Barney carried on regardless. A film showed the scale of the destruction.

Workers even made a giant bonfire of the debris.

Mr Robb added: “Mr Barney had plans for the site – potential for holiday homes – and has said throughout that he thought the site was not protected by a TPO.

“It is a protected woodland – he could have found out; TPOs are readily available online. Around 53 trees were cut down but that does not account for potentially thousands. A tree could be a sapling.

“What was an extremely flagrant breach by Mr Barney had serious consequences for local people and others who enjoyed those woods.”

District Judge Peter Greenfield said: “It seemed a mission – see how much could be cleared until the building work was stopped.

“He has access to a rich sea of funding which allows him to embark on these property development plans.”



Destroyed...remains of the century-old oaks felled by James Barney, inset

Sea drama... Zachary Small, daughters Willow and Anua and his girlfriend Kim



Cricketer's son rescued after boat hit by whale

THE son of ex-England cricketer Gladstone Small and his young family were rescued from their sinking boat after it was smashed by a whale in the Atlantic.

Zachary Small, his girlfriend and his two young children fought to keep the catamaran afloat after the impact which tore a lump of flesh from the animal.

Water rushed in and was soon up to their waists.

By John Twomey

Children Anua, eight, and Willow, five, were moved to the safer port hull.

Carpenter Zachary, 33, whose father was one of the England team that won the Ashes in 1986-1987, said there were “dark moments” after they set off the distress beacon. Zachary and girlfriend

Kim Pelletier Girard, 29, thought of “the pain” of loved ones if they vanished.

But Mr Small saw a spotter plane and at 4.30am the lights of a tanker heading to them. Two hours later, they were picked up and rescued 600 miles from Portugal. The family had been heading back to Britain after a summer trip.



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SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP: Julia, left, with George and his wife, human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin. Their first acting encounter, right, was in 2001's *Ocean's 11*, with co-star Brad Pitt



THE ORIGINAL ODD COUPLE

THERE is a little more flesh on their bones, a few more crows' feet around their eyes, and quite a few million more dollars in their bank accounts as George Clooney and Julia Roberts reunite for their new romantic comedy *Ticket To Paradise*.

It's been 21 years since they met filming *Ocean's 11*, and the two Hollywood A-Listers are now old friends, verbally sparring off-screen, gleefully taking each other down a peg or two. They sound like an old divorced couple who still enjoy sticking the knife in, which happens to also be the roles they play in *Ticket To Paradise*, which opens on Tuesday.

They're so playful, at times it's hard to get a serious word out of either of them.

"What was so important to me," says Clooney, his face a picture of seriousness, "was being able to work with the Queen of sitcoms, the Queen of romantic comedies".

He pauses for dramatic effect, with a glance at Roberts, before adding the punchline: "But she couldn't do the job – so I worked with Julia."

Both collapse in laughter. Roberts confesses to taking the role because it allowed her to verbally abuse Clooney throughout filming.

"Just the chance to be snarky at George really jumped out at me," she says of her character. "Just to see him just so pathetically in love with me, and I've clearly moved on."

Clooney hits back: "Obviously it's about a man who's had to deal with a horrible woman."

Director Ol Parker states the obvious: "They also take the p*** out of each other a lot, and they really love doing that on-screen."

Quips Clooney: "It's fun to work with friends... and Julia."

Ticket To Paradise sees the pair playing a divorced couple who reunite in a bid to stop their daughter making the same mistake they did with a hasty marriage – a journey in which they discover that their romantic spark still

Oceans 11 co-stars George Clooney and Julia Roberts reunite to play embittered exes trying to sabotage their daughter's wedding in a hilarious new rom-com... and the wise-cracking Hollywood A-listers have just as much chemistry off-screen

From Peter Sheridan in Los Angeles

burns. There's a natural chemistry between the two superstars that can't be faked.

This is their fifth film together since 2001's *Ocean's 11*, going on to film *Ocean's 12*, *Confessions Of A Dangerous Mind*, and *Money Monster*.

Clooney, 61, and Roberts, 54, co-produced the film, as they do most of their movies these days. It is a defensive manoeuvre, Clooney explains, "So you don't want to really worry about what some casting director thinks about how you're ageing as an actor."

"As you get older... you need to have other irons in the fire, or you're reliant on other people's opinions of you – and that's dangerous."

The duo are happy to be alive after surviving months filming in the remote Whitsunday islands off Australia's Queensland coast, where they were terrified of numerous natural predators. "Everything's trying to kill you," says Roberts, who was nervous even of strolls along the beach.

"A seashell – that's actually something that

will kill you." Clooney agrees: "Everything is huge there." But it's not just Australia's venomous funnel-web spiders, stonefish, Taipan snakes and great white sharks he feared.

"You have the world's smallest jellyfish – if you're in the water, they'll kill you."

"Ticket To Paradise?" he continues. "You've got to be joking!"

Roberts adds: "Ticket to the hospital!"

FILM SETS can be gulags of hard labour with long hours in uncomfortable conditions far from the glamour of the red carpet, but Roberts and Clooney combined to make their location shoot a pleasure, say co-stars.

"It was so much fun being around them and joking around and laughing," says Kaitlyn Dever, who plays the couple's daughter. "The two of them are best buds, and it's a blast to be around that kind of love and kindness they

have for each other." Roberts admits: "George and I are both really motivated by making people laugh, and it was our great joy whenever we would do something where we could hear laughing across the set."

Echoes Clooney: "I think the main reason Julia and I work so well together is because we know how to make each other laugh."

He adds: "There was not a bad day on the set. That's a very rare thing."

Ticket To Paradise was written by director Ol Parker with Clooney and Roberts in mind: If either turned down the role, the film simply wouldn't be made.

"It was just very clear to me that it barely existed if it wasn't them," says Parker. "I had



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PERFECT CHEMISTRY:
Clowning on the red carpet for their film *Money Monster*, main. Laughing off-screen, top, with *Ticket To Paradise* director Ol Parker, and, above, in a scene from the new film

no Plan B." Says Clooney: "I hadn't done a romantic comedy since *One Fine Day*," recalling his 1996 hit opposite Michelle Pfeiffer, "so when I got this script, it felt like a perfect opportunity. I called Julia and told her: 'I'll do it if you do it,' and she said: 'Well I'll do it if you will.' And not long after that we were heading to Australia."

But the duo took every opportunity to yank each other's chain. When auditioning actors to play Roberts' younger love interest in the film – the role went to Emily In Paris

'If either turned down the role, the film simply wouldn't be made. It barely existed if it wasn't them'

heartthrob Lucas Bravo – she told producers: "I want the one that seems like he could p*** George off the most."

Clooney snipes back with a jibe at Roberts' age: "Lucas was five when she was in *Notting Hill*. He always looked up to you, really."

Ticket To Paradise hopes to launch a revival in rom-coms, which have languished since the days of *Four Weddings And A Funeral*, *Love Actually*, *Bridget Jones' Diary* and *Notting Hill*.

"Romantic comedies sort of went out of

fashion for a while," says producer Tim Bevan. "This is something we haven't seen for a bit, and it's worth revisiting because it feels like there's a big audience for this sort of film."

Clooney and Roberts' chemistry was so potent that director Parker dispensed with rehearsals, allowing his cast to come anew to each scene.

"We'd almost never do more than three takes because they knew that the freshness of these lines would only come across if it was truly fresh," says Parker.

"It was an absolute masterclass in comedic acting," Roberts relished a scene where she and Clooney get drunk and dance at a

bar, showing off their awkward out-dated dance moves.

"I recall being very hot and sweaty and tired by the end of the night," she smiles. "And my cheeks hurt from laughing at George!"

They danced with abandon to House of Pain's 1992 hip hop classic *Jump Around*: a comic interlude that worked so well that film-makers agreed to pay an extra \$1million for the music rights after the scene ran four seconds longer than the contractually agreed 60 seconds.

"It's one minute four seconds, which is another million dollars," confesses Parker. "But it's so good they didn't make me cut the four seconds."

Roberts snipes: "It was just five seconds of George Clooney! I could not be part of it?"

Clooney mimics what he calls Roberts' dancing "head-flippy move".

It isn't pretty.

When their acting drunk and hungover is praised, Clooney assures: "I've been studying for years."

CLOONEY and Roberts' renewed closeness comes as both have long denied Hollywood rumours about their respective marriages being on the rocks: Clooney with human rights lawyer-wife of eight years Amal Alamuddin, and Roberts with husband of 20 years, cinematographer Danny Moder.

There's no off-screen romance between Roberts and Clooney, they assure, but she admits: "We got to spend really sweet time all together, getting to know one another and just sharing that space in a really unique way."

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Batchelors Cup a Soup minestrone with croutons (68g), Iceland, 90p or four for £3. **SAVE: 60p**
Baxters carrot & coriander soup (400g), Waitrose, was £1.70, now £1.25. **SAVE: 45p**

Heinz Big Soup beef and vegetable (400g), Tesco, £1.70 or three for £4 with Clubcard. **SAVE: £1.10**
Crosse & Blackwell roast chicken and vegetable soup (400g),



Morrisons, £1.20 or three for £3. **SAVE: 60p**
Tideford Organics lentil & spinach dhal soup (600g), Sainsbury's, was £3, now £2.25. **SAVE: 75p**

SIPS

Options instant Belgian choc mint (220g), Asda, was £3.70, now £3. **SAVE: 70p**
Galaxy instant hot chocolate (370g), Morrisons, was £3.49, now £2.50. **SAVE: 99p**
Cadbury hot chocolate (500g), Sainsbury's, was £3, now £2.50. **SAVE: 50p**
Sweet Freedom Choc Shot (320g), Waitrose, was £3.65, now £3. **SAVE: 65p**
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PREP IT



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Bosch Series 2 stand mixer with bowl, ao.com, was £159, now £119 **SAVE: £40**



Mini baking set, Morrisons, was £5, now £3.50 **SAVE: £1.50**

BAKE IT



Home medium gauge square tray baking tin, Sainsbury's, was £6, now £3.99 **SAVE: £2.01**



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SERVE IT



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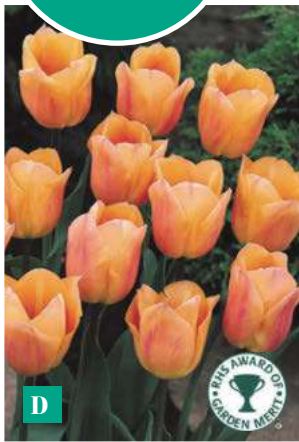
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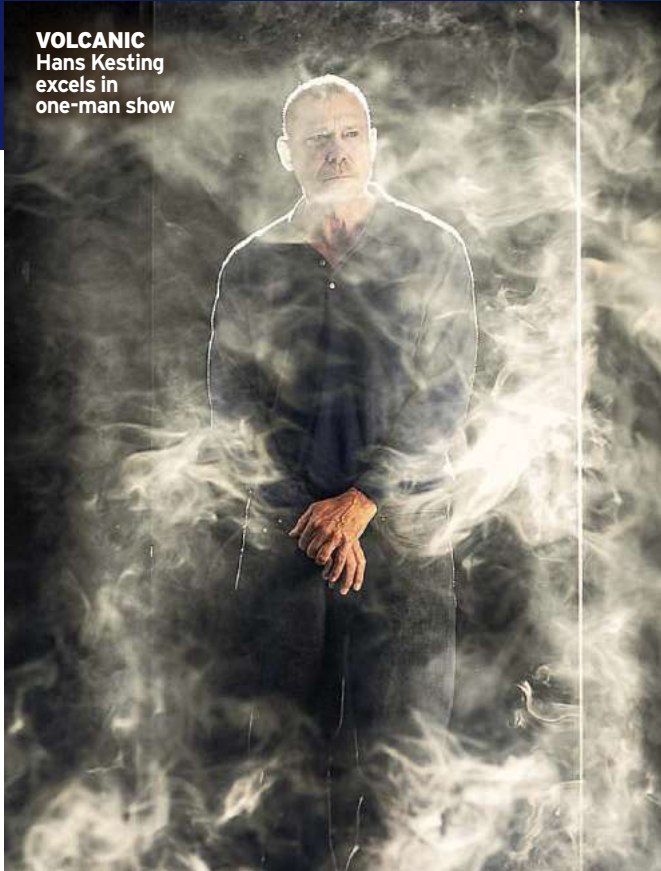
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WHO KILLED MY FATHER

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The title is not a question but a statement. Based on Edouard Louis' 2018 autobiographical novel, this one-man play, adapted and directed by Ivo van Hove, explores the author's attempt at reconciliation with his dying father in northern France.

As a gay man, Louis was ostracised, suffering particularly at the hands of his macho factory worker father. But, as Louis' monologue unfolds, it is clear there are deeper undercurrents to their relationship that restore the connective tissue between the two men.

On an almost-bare black stage featuring a television and a bed, Dutch actor Hans Kesting as Louis holds us in the palm of his hand from the outset. A formidable physical presence, he transforms himself into Louis' shuffling, cigarette-smoking father by gravelising his voice and thrusting his fists beneath his sweater to convey his old man's paunch.

Recalling childhood days when, as a young pre-teen, Louis tried unwisely to entertain his father by dancing to Barbie Girl, Kesting shows a naive boy desperately seeking his father's approval. Yet, after he requested a DVD copy of Titanic for his birthday, his father surprises him with the Special Edition package and they sing Celine Dion's theme song over and over again together as the film plays out on the television set.

Smoke curls across the stage through side windows as Louis dives deeper into the political decisions by the French government and austerity cuts that indirectly cause his father's demise.

Kesting becomes volcanic with anger,

delivering a urgent polemic against the French ruling class.

"For the ruling class, politics is a question of aesthetics," snarls Kesting's Louis. "For the poor, it is life or death."

Exposing the damage inflicted on the physical body by cuts in the welfare system, Louis, van Hove and Kesting collaborate on a blazing, powerful and essential play that blasts most single-character shows into oblivion. I haven't seen a performance like it in years.

LES BALLETS TROCKADERO DE MONTE CARLO

★★★★★

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MISCHIEF Sublimely
talented Trock dancers

The drag comedy ballet company popularly known as The Trocks has come a long way since its origins in a New York loft in 1974 when their parodic pratfalls and frock tactics were an offshoot of gay cabaret.

Men in tutus and pointe shoes are funny enough but The Trocks have the talent of professional ballerinas and their performances are extraordinary and occasionally awe-inspiring.

Their evolution into a unique cultural phenomenon has broadened their audience commensurately; their sublime combination of humour, wit, mischief and dancing is universally enjoyable.

Taking the Russian model as their touchstone, the dancers rejoice in names like Minnie van Driver, Dmitri Legupski and Maria Clubfoot. Whether pastiching classics like Swan Lake or attired in evening suits and long dresses for the neo-classical mash-up Nightcrawlers, it is abundantly clear that the Trocks are at the top of their game. I advise you not to miss them. My name is Neil and I'm a Trockaholic.

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 ★★★★ Good
 ★★★ Worth a look
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SABOTAGE
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 rare A-list
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Haven't a Clooney

TICKET TO PARADISE

Cert 12A ★★

In cinemas on Tuesday

After a pandemic-induced shortage of summer blockbusters, the UK cinema industry finally had something to cheer about earlier this month. National Cinema Day, when tickets were slashed to £3, managed to reacquire 1.46 million people with the joys of the big screen.

Those whose livelihoods depend on this troubled industry hoped some of them would return this weekend for an all-too-rare A-list romcom.

Sadly, it was not to be. Universal has decided it would be vaguely treasonous to enjoy a George Clooney and Julia Roberts movie three days before the Queen's funeral.

The film will now come out on Tuesday, a day when many will be busy catching up on work, leaving nervous cinema staff counting empty seats over a long bank holiday weekend.

If they were releasing something vehemently anti-monarchist like, say, Braveheart (at the time of writing, scheduled to show on BBC1 tonight), I could perhaps see their point. But there is nothing remotely offensive about Ticket To Paradise, a comforting escapist fantasy.

Clooney is architect David, Roberts is his art dealer ex-wife Georgia, and the wedding of their only daughter Lily (Kaitlyn Dever) has forced them to travel to Bali together 20 years after a very acrimonious divorce. Lily

“While they pretend to be supportive the pair plot to tear the couple apart”

has decided to throw away her legal career to marry handsome seaweed farmer Gede (Maxime Bouttier) after they met on holiday.

After some amusing bickering, David and Georgia find something they agree on. They can't let Lily make the same mistake they made 25 years earlier. While pretending

to be supportive, they plot to tear the couple apart.

The dialogue could be sharper but there are gorgeous locations (Australia doubled for locked-down Bali), a gooey romantic finale and some very amusing pratfalls.

Clooney savaged by a rogue dolphin and drunk dancing to House Of Pain with Roberts were the daft diversions I didn't know I needed.

I USED TO BE FAMOUS

Cert 15 ★★

On Netflix now

He's best known for playing villains but British actor Ed Skrein reveals hidden depths in this slight drama about the friendship between a faded pop star and an autistic teenager.

Twenty years ago, Vince (Skrein) was the frontman of a chart-topping boy band. Now he's busking in the streets of Peckham with a keyboard perched on an ironing board.

But he gets another taste of fame when a video of one of his street performances

goes viral on social media. The star of the clip isn't him but young autistic boy Stevie (neurodivergent actor Leo Long) who turned the solo performance into an impromptu jamming session by thumping a metal bin with his drumsticks.

After tracking the kid down, Vince tries to persuade him to form a two-man band and perform a gig in a local pub. But first, he'll have to win over Stevie's protective mum (Eleanor Matsuura) who is worried her son won't cope with the noise and attention.

The plot is predictable but Skrein keeps us rooting for the wounded but big-hearted Vince.

DYNAMIC DUO
 Leo Long and Ed Skrein



CHANGES
 Engrossing
 musical collage

MOONAGE DAYDREAM

Cert 15 ★★★★★

In cinemas now

Brett Morgen (Oscar-nominated director of the 2015 Kurt Cobain documentary) focuses on the art rather than the artist in this engrossing and wildly original film about David Bowie.

Made with the approval of the icon's estate, Morgen smashes the template of the rockumentary by opening with a lesser-known song from the later period of his career - Hallo Spaceboy, a great track from 1995 album Outside.

The next 140 minutes are a full-on assault on the senses as Morgen weaves candid home movies with little-seen concert performances and clips from films that Bowie acted in and those that influenced his career.

Other documentaries have made much of the various reinventions that marked his career. Morgen's loosely chronological musical collage gives us a sense of continuity.

As Mavis Nicholson points out in a perceptive interview, Bowie used himself as a painter uses a canvas. And, to Morgen, Ziggy Stardust and The Thin White Duke are two sides of the same coin.

While we hear plenty from Bowie, his voice culled from various interviews, we don't have the usual chats with friends or family members. There is a brief mention of his half-brother's suicide but I probably learned more about the main man from Gabriel Range's patchy 2020 biopic Stardust.

But, unlike Range, Morgen had full access to Bowie's music. And he uses it in dazzlingly original ways. He links live footage of the major tours, taking us from early 70s Ziggy Stardust performances to 1974's Diamond Dogs tour to thrilling live takes of later hits such as Heroes and Let's Dance.

Morgen also focuses on Bowie's devoted fans and explores the cultural importance of his gender-fluid image.

"You don't have to be bent to wear make-up," says one gruff-sounding young devotee. In the early 1970s, this sounded dangerously progressive.

Not all of Bowie's greatest hits make the cut but Morgen finds room for a long sequence cut to DJ, a great dance track from 1979. It sounds like it was released last week.

STRAWBERRY MANSION

Cert 12A ★★

In cinemas and on digital now

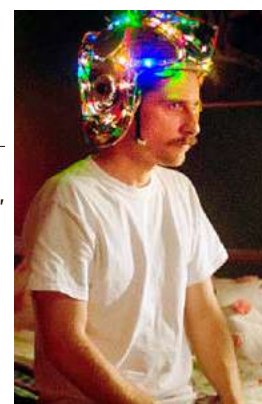
I suspect Bowie would have approved of Strawberry Mansion, a sci-fi oddity that blends whimsical humour with hallucinatory visuals.

The year is 2035 and government interference has reached a new level.

Now, everyone's dreams are recorded on VHS tapes and pored over by tax inspectors.

Dreams and reality begin to blur when tax auditor James Preble (co-director Kentucker Audley) inspects the nocturnal fantasies of an elderly inventor (Penny Fuller).

There's a conspiracy and a love story but the film isn't really interested in plot. This is more about talking beetroots, mice in sailor's pinafores and frog-headed waiters.



AUDITOR James checks out dreams as well as tax

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Fairy
TaleStephen
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There is always a darker side to fairy tales, with violence and menace simmering underneath the happy-ever-afters and the magic. And Stephen King taps into this darkness with his dazzlingly inventive fantasy novel where danger, quite literally, lies beneath the story's hero Charlie.

The book begins in the real world as the 17-year-old struggles to come to terms with his mother's death after a hit-and-run accident, while his grieving father is driven to alcohol. In a moment of desperation, Charlie gets down on his knees and prays to "whoever you are" to stop his father drinking.

After his dad gets sober in Alcoholics Anonymous, Charlie is convinced he must repay the debt. And he gets the opportunity to do just that when he discovers his elderly reclusive neighbour Mr Bowditch injured in his garden, having fallen off a ladder.

Charlie helps Mr Bowditch during his convalescence and looks after his beloved dog.

It quickly becomes apparent that Mr Bowditch has secrets - including a mysterious locked shed in his garden.

But nothing can prepare Charlie for what he finds on the other side of the door - hundreds of underground stone steps leading to a mysterious parallel world full of outlandish and at times terrifying fairytale-inspired characters.

As Charlie is drawn into an epic and dangerous adventure, will good triumph over evil?

Wonderfully imaginative and immersive, with a moving conclusion, Fairy Tale is a spellbinding read.

BY MERNIE GILMORE

Undoctored

Adam Kay

Trapeze, £22

Following the success of his bestselling memoir *This Is Going To Hurt*, Adam Kay is by his own reckoning "Britain's twelfth-best-known doctor". Now he tells us what happened after the emotional strain as a junior doctor drove him to hang up his stethoscope and scrubs.

His new career as script writer and comedian was much less stressful - "The stakes were so refreshingly low - there's no formal inquiry when a joke dies" - but horribly slow to take off.

Feeling guilty about contributing virtually nothing to the household income, he decided to renovate his flat.

But he did such a bad job (the kitchen units were "wonkier than medieval teeth", according to his partner) that they had to move home.

Gradually though, Kay found success in his new profession - and he has used his fame to advocate for better emotional support for doctors (at least any support would be a start) and to go into battle against some of our dismal recent Health Secretaries. As in the previous book, Kay is brave enough to present himself as neurotic, selfish, lazy and often just plain odd. The result is richly comic.

It sounds bizarre to say it but his account of the eating disorder he

Adam
scrubs
up well
in life
post-op

suffered from during his 20s had me almost crying with laughter.

Ditto his description of being harassed by a stalker. Yet, underneath the laughs, there is clearly a lot of pain and he also describes a horrifying assault that has blighted his life. Kay's

first book was essential reading, if only to find out the truth about the people who hold your vital organs in their hands. This follow-up isn't quite as gripping as *This Is Going to Hurt* but Kay's writing is a constant pleasure.

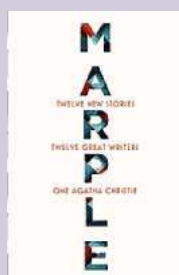
BY JAKE KERRIDGE

Marple: Twelve
New Stories

Various authors

HarperCollins, £20

This collection of original short stories featuring Agatha Christie's much-loved sleuth Jane Marple are penned by 12 current bestselling authors, all aiming to introduce the unassuming old lady with a sparkle in her eye to a new generation. The stories,



many set in Marple's quiet village of St Mary Mead, will delight fans old and new. Everyone will have their own favourites. Mine was Kate Mosse's majestic *The Mystery Of The Acid Soil* which sees Marple holiday in Sussex to visit her dear friend Emmeline.

During her train journey, she meets a young curate worrying about the disappearance of the

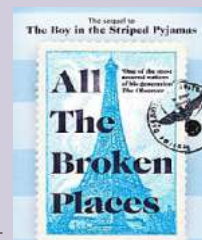
woman he loves and she decides to investigate.

Dreda Say Mitchell's *Deadly Wedding Day* is also a delight, with Marple teaming up with close friend Miss Bella to uncover the killer of a young guest at the wedding of Miss Bella's niece.

Elly Griffiths's *Murder At The Villa Rosa*, which sees Marple go on holiday to Italy's Amalfi coast, Ruth Ware's *Miss Marple's Christmas* and Lucy Foley's *Evil In Small Places* are also devilishly good.

This collection will delight Marple's legion of fans.

BY JON COATES

All The
Broken
PlacesJohn
BoyneDoubleday,
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All The
Broken
Places is the

uneven sequel to John Boyne's bestseller and hit movie *The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas*.

Steeped in grief and guilt and coloured by complicity and courage, it tells the story of Bruno's elder sister, the long-widowed 91-year-old Gretel who is forced to confront the darkness of her family's Nazi past in the quiet ordinariness of her present.

Boyne skilfully traces her story back to 1946 as conflicted Gretel and her unrepentant mother flee Poland for Paris, leaving behind horrific memories of all that happened in Auschwitz where 12-year-old Gretel's beloved, monstrous father was commandant of the concentration camp.

The story charts the path of her life from France to Australia and on to the luxury London mansion block where she's lived for years, keeping her troubling secret.

When a young family moves in to an apartment in her block, Gretel's carefully controlled world begins to start falling apart, but the novel begins to buckle too.

Gretel watches the troubling relationship between vulnerable, nine-year-old Henry - the same age as her brother Bruno when he died - and his aggressive father Alex Darcy-Witt. As the father becomes more abusive, Gretel decides that she must act.

But Darcy-Witt has discovered the disturbing truth of Gretel's past, forcing her to choose between self-preservation or protecting Henry; the choice she makes is unbelievable and out of character.

All The Broken Places is a compelling read dealing with culpability, responsibility and Gretel's life-long guilt, but the novel is derailed by Boyne's evasive, over-the-top ending.

BY EITHNE FARRY

Podcasts

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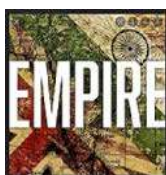
Empire

Historian William Dalrymple and broadcaster Anita Anand delve into the British Empire's history.

They explain that while children may learn about the Roman or Ottoman empires in school, the British Empire is rarely touched upon.

And they aim to rectify this by telling its story, from the origins of the East India Company to India's independence.

In the first episode, William points out the parallels between the East India Company and the way huge corporations today wield global power to rival governments. They also visit Powis Castle in Wales to see the Indian artefacts.



The News Agents

Having left the BBC, Emily Maitlis joins journalists Jon Sopel and Lewis Goodall to bring in-depth analysis of the biggest news stories from the UK and US.

The podcast is less formal than their other ventures, with the trio cracking jokes between more serious chats.

In a recent episode, they outlined the challenges faced by the incoming Prime Minister during her first weeks in office.

Top civil servant Gus O'Donnell explains what will be on Liz Truss's to-do list, from uniting different factions of the Conservative party, to tackling issues like the Northern Ireland Protocol.



All Consuming

Marketing expert Charlotte Williams and science journalist Amit Katwala look into the history of things we consume, from drinks to toilet paper.

In an episode about perfume, Charlotte visits Azzi Glasser who creates bespoke scents to help actors get into their roles. Previous clients include Orlando Bloom, Helena Bonham Carter and Jude Law, while she describes making a scent reminiscent of lemon drizzle cake for Johnny Depp when he played the Mad Hatter.

They also discover musk scents were accidentally created by a chemist in the 1880s who was trying to invent an alternative to TNT.

Mattan: Injustice Of
A Hanged Man

In 1952, pawnbroker Lily Volpert was murdered in her Cardiff shop. Later that year, British Somali former sailor Mahmood Mattan was convicted of her murder, despite having an alibi. He was hanged.

His widow Laura fought for justice for Mahmood, getting his conviction quashed and eventually receiving an apology from the police.

Broadcaster Danielle Fahiya's grandfather was friends with him, so she turns investigator. We hear from Lily's niece who was in the backroom of the shop and saw her open the door to a man minutes before she was killed.



Music



with
**GARRY
BUSHELL**

ALBUM RELEASES

Unmasked singer's new awakening

LeAnn Rimes god's work

There's "a stirring in the deep end" of her waters, the country icon tells us on *Awakening*, "so it overflows, it overflows".

Well, we've all had nights like that.

Very few people have lived a life like LeAnn's, though.

A star at 13, she has won two Grammys, judged on *RuPaul's Drag Race*, and her 1997 smash hit *How Do I Live* was the biggest-selling country single of all time - until her fan Taylor Swift topped it.

Now just 40, LeAnn also won the 2020 US series of *The Masked Singer*, duetted with Elton, and had a brutal Claymation battle with Wu Tung Clan's Ol' Dirty Bastard on MTV's *Celebrity Deathmatch*.

The singer channels her inner



ee cummings on her 17th studio album, doing away with capital letters on a title likely to perplex conservative Christians, although her message is spiritual throughout.

She's also at her most musically diverse. *Throw My Arms Around the World* is percussive with an almost Middle Eastern vibe.

The Only, gospel-tinged Americana with an upbeat, pop-reggae feel, features guest

stars Ziggy Marley, soul sensation Ledisi and Ben Harper. It's a song about loneliness and the need for humanity to pull together, concluding, "The only way we're gonna get there is if we hold each other's hand".

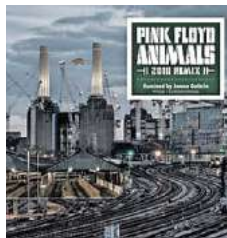
Other guests include Mickey Guyton, Sheila E and Robert Randolph whose guitar blazes on the powerful, soulful title track.

LeAnn's warm contralto is still sensational, especially on opening ballad *Spaceship*, the tender *How Much Can A Heart Hold*, and the ecstatic *Awakening* which of course reflects on a spiritual one.

The album's abiding message is hope, with tracks including *Something Better's Coming* and *There Will Be A Better Day*.

Fingers crossed.

As LeAnn reminds us, "It's hard enough already just to survive".



Pink Floyd Animals

Floyd's 10th album, lavishly re-released today, is their most forlorn. 1977's *Animals* lacks the warmth and sax appeal of *Dark Side* but drags you in like quicksand as they confront themes of death, loneliness and greed. The caustic *Dogs* snaps at the worst of humanity: "You have to be trusted by the people you lie to," sings Dave Gilmour.



The Beths Expert In A Dying Field

Few bands lift the heart quite like The Beths. The New Zealanders' exhilarating new album blends addictive tunes with Liz Stokes's smart, self-aware lyrics. The "dying field" appears to be her own turbulent love life. Abundant hooks and sweet harmonies can't hide the pain. "If this is love," she asks on *Your Side*, "why do you have to leave?"



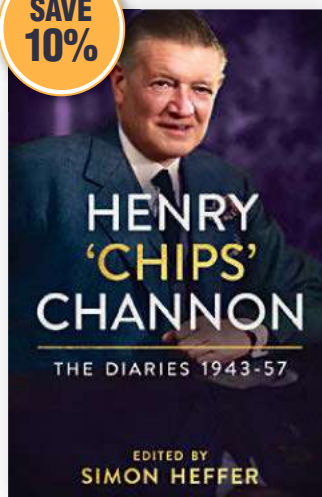
Marcus Mumford Self-Titled

Mumford & Sons are a multi-platinum sensation, but their trademark "hoedown pop" is absent from Marcus's solo debut. It opens bravely with *Cannibal*, the singer's raw memory of childhood abuse - "I can still taste you and I hate it". Highs include swaggering rocker *Grace* and *Better Off High* with a hook huge enough to land Moby Dick.

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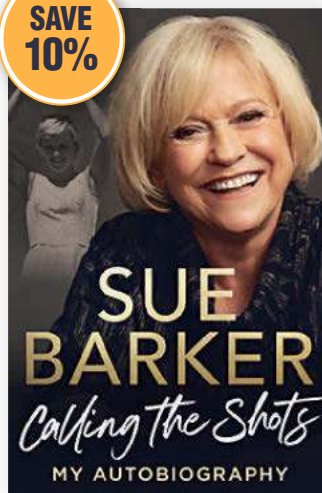
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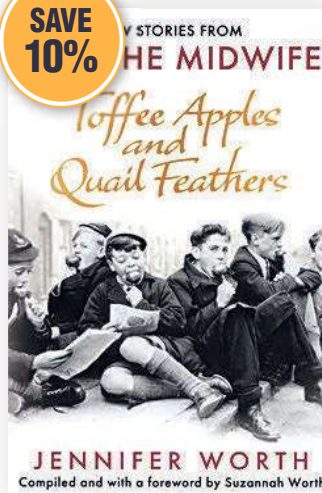
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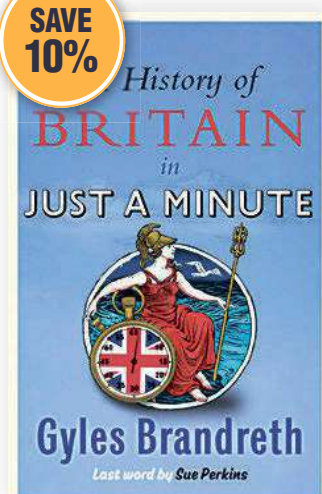
TOFFEE APPLES AND QUAIL FEATHERS: NEW STORIES FROM CALL THE MIDWIFE

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Following the death of her beloved mother Jennifer Worth in 2011, Suzannah Worth discovered amongst her manuscripts a folder simply labelled 'Fifth Book'. Imagine her excitement when she sat down to read and her mother's distinctive voice came flooding back. She found herself once again immersed in the world of the 1950s East End of London.

The voices of much loved, familiar characters spoke loud and clear, particularly that of Fred the boiler man, who features extensively in this joyful collection. These new stories are as heart-warming and funny as the originals. Published here for the first time and accompanied by a selection of Suzannah's favourite chapters from the original memoirs, this is a very special addition to the *Call the Midwife* family.

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I'm angling for a spin-off

IT'S BEEN that way for decades, from popular sitcoms of the 70s such as *Man About The House* – which gave us the magnificent George & Mildred – all the way through to today's favourites, such as *Would I Lie To You?*, which of course has spawned Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg.

So, why on earth, I'd like to know, has there yet to be a spin-off from **MORTIMER AND WHITEHOUSE: GONE FISHING** (9pm, BBC Two), now in its fifth series?

The potential has surely been staring TV bosses in the face.

In this week's episode alone, for



Mike Ward previews tonight's TV

example, Bob endeavours to consume an entire bottle of fizzy lemonade in a single, rather elongated gulp.

And canine co-star Ted becomes the subject of much-fevered speculation when the pair consider whether or not he could outpace a wader-clad Bob in a head-to-head sprint down the riverbank. You're

not telling me there isn't spin-off scope in each of those examples, as a TV format in its own right.

Famous folk competing at downing burby pop has got "ITV2 hit" written all over it.

And as for *Celebrities Racing Dogs*, well, Simon Cowell should be all over that.

Anyway, for the moment it's just more of the usual fare tonight – fine by me, I hasten to add – as Bob and Paul arrive in North Wales, preparing to fish the River Dee, or a bit of it, for the elusive grayling.

Elsewhere, **CELEBRITY MASTERCHEF** (9pm, BBC One) enters its final leg with five

remaining celebs still in contention. Tonight's first task, for which they travel to Alexandra Palace in north London, is described as "their most daunting challenge yet" (I'm not sure why; maybe the traffic's particularly bad).

Once they arrive, they're told they have to make afternoon tea for "12 iconic BBC names from the world of television, radio, and journalism", celebrating the corporation's centenary (yeah, they're still doing that) at the place where the first ever live public service TV broadcast was made.

And would you like to know who those 12 "iconic" names are? Of course you would. Sadly, I am

sworn to secrecy. Still, it'll make the grand reveal all the more fun, will it not?

"Iconic?!" you'll be able to yell at the TV, very much like I do most nights.

"What the heck is 'iconic' about (insert name of one or other of these BBC bods you have a particular issue with)?"

Oh, and just to remind you, the final five celebrity contestants – one of whom must leave the show tonight – are Danny, Mel, Lisa, Kitty and that very nice chap from *Call The Midwife*, who I still always call Minty even though that was only his character's name in *EastEnders*.

PICKS OF THE DAY



Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious, ITV2, 9pm

Disgraced and discredited cop Brian O'Conner is given the chance to redeem himself and erase his criminal record by going undercover to entrap powerful Miami drugs baron Verone. With the help of ex-convict friend Roman, the crook's sultry mistress and, reluctantly, the rest of his old street racing crew, will O'Conner manage to complete his mission and return to the right side of the law? With a host of fast-paced car stunts and special effects, this £75million action thriller sequel to *The Fast And The Furious* was a huge commercial success, directed by John Singleton, and starring the late Paul Walker (left), Eva Mendes, cast regular Tyrese Gibson and Cole Hauser.

DID YOU KNOW? Late actor Paul Walker became a household name thanks to the *Fast & Furious* movie series, but the nature-loving star studied marine biology at university before hitting the big time.



Music: Berlin Live: Blondie, Sky Arts, 10.30pm

Intimate performance from the iconic US new wave band, recorded at SchwuZ nightclub, Berlin-Neukölln, as part of the Berlin Live concert series on 28th April 2017. Featuring decades of hits including *Hanging on the Telephone*, *Atomic*, *Heart of Glass*, *Call Me*, *Fight For Your Right*, *One Way Or Another* and *Dreaming*, and the incredible vocal talents of lead singer Debbie Harry (left), guitarist Chris Stein, drummer Clem Burke and bassists Glen Matlock and Leigh Foxx.



Documentary: Avicii: True Stories, BBC3, 9pm

Moving documentary telling the story of the Swedish DJ Tim Bergling (above), known to the world as chart-topping hitmaker Avicii, who died in 2018. Featuring extensive personal archive and behind-the-scenes footage, the documentary presents an insightful look at the musician and producer's meteoric rise to fame, as well as his struggles with physical and mental health issues later in life.



Film: The Enforcer, C5, 10pm

When his partner is killed, "Dirty" Harry Callahan is reluctantly teamed with female police officer Kate Moore. During their first assignment, they go in pursuit of a terrorist organisation that has kidnapped the mayor of San Francisco. Crime neo-noir thriller and third instalment of the *Dirty Harry* film series, starring Clint Eastwood (above), John Mitchum, DeVeren Bookwalter and Tyne Daly.

Quiz: QI, BBC2, 10pm

Sandi Toksvig (right) presents the quiz with a difference as guest panellist comedians Sara Pascoe, Stephen K Amos and Jason Manford join permanent feature Alan Davies to answer obscure questions (tonight on the theme of plants) with points being awarded not only for correct answers, but also for interesting ones, regardless of whether they are even related to the original question. To add to the challenge, points are also deducted for answers that are too obvious.



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film ratings

- ★★★★★ Brilliant
- ★★★★ Very Good
- ★★★ Good
- ★★ Average
- ★ Bad

(R) Repeat

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
10.00 BBC News Special
10.30 HM The King in Wales
2.00pm BBC News at One
2.30 Regional News; Weather
2.45 Doctors Jimmi tries to convince Bear to join his new venture. Al worries that things aren't getting better. Sid helps a young man who feels guilty after saving two children.
3.15 Escape to the Country Ginny Buckley is joined by her mother in helping a family find a Yorkshire home, and gets some advice on what it means to be a proud Yorkshire resident. (R)
3.45 The Bidding Room The dealers are intrigued by a collection of 1940s costume drawings, an Edwardian safe, a cluster of unusual figurines and an old Corpus Christi. (R)
4.30 Antiques Road Trip Raj Bisram and Irita Marriott plunder the shops of Cornwall.
5.15 Pointless Quiz show. Presented by Alexander Armstrong, with Sally Lindsay.

BBC Two

6.30am Escape to the Country (R)
7.15 Antiques Road Trip (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Weatherman Walking Double bill. (R)
9.00 A Highland Haven: Natural World (R)
10.00 Animal Park Summer (R)
10.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown Farmers Simon and Emma exhibit at the Great Yorkshire Show. (R)
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties purchased in Kent, Liverpool and London. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt From the Elsecar Heritage Centre, South Yorkshire. (R)
1.00 Best Bakes Ever A selection of recipes from TV chefs. (R)
1.45 Money for Nothing Transforming items reclaimed from a tip. (R)
2.45 BBC News Headlines.
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Rob Deering, Katya Jones, Jayne Middlemiss and Phil Tufnell.
6.30 Unbeatable General knowledge quiz show, hosted by Jason Manford.

ITV

6.00am Good Morning Britain Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus entertainment and lifestyle features.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment, current affairs and fashion news, as well as showbiz stories and celebrity gossip. Presented by Lorraine Kelly.
10.00 ITV News Special: The King's Tour - Wales
1.30pm ITV News; Weather
1.55 Regional News; Weather
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team travel around the country assessing items brought in by members of the public, who either take the cash for their antiques or gamble at auction.
3.00 Tenable A family from Cardiff competes in the quiz, hosted by Warwick Davis.
3.59 Regional Weather
4.00 Tipping Point Gameshow, hosted by Ben Shephard.
5.00 The Chase Hilary, Ben, Alex and John answer general knowledge questions.

Channel 4

6.10am Countdown Russell Kane is in Dictionary Corner. (R)
6.50 3rd Rock from the Sun (R)
7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond
9.00 Frasier Triple bill. (R)
10.30 Four in a Bed The rival hoteliers to air their grievances on Payment Day. (R)
11.00 The Great House Giveaway Two strangers pair up to renovate a property in Llandudno, North Wales. (R)
12.00noon Channel 4 News
12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch Steph McGovern presents the weekday magazine.
2.10 Countdown Rick Edwards is in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun Engaged couple Ray and Ali seek their dream holiday home in northern Tuscany. (R)
4.00 Chateau DIY Nick aims to finish opening up the entrance hall of his derelict chateau.
5.00 Moneybags Quiz show.
6.00 The Simpsons Maude Flanders is killed. (R)
6.30 Hollyoaks James makes a big confession. (R)

Channel 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
12.45pm Holiday Homes in the Sun Amanda Lamb, JB Gill and Sam Pinkham are in Salerno, Italy.
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Ziggy helps the band find a van, while Eden and Mackenzie become friends. John's dreams for quiet neighbours are dashed.
2.15 FILM Killer at the School Gates (2022, 12) Premiere. A single mother joins the parent-teacher association at her daughter's new school in the hopes of becoming more involved, but finds herself at odds with a power-hungry woman. Thriller, starring Brianna Cohen and Alissa Filoramo. ★★★
4.00 Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea Britons living the high life on a low budget in popular holiday resorts. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Cash in the Attic Helping people make money from the items they have accumulated.



7pm, THE ONE SHOW: OUR QUEEN REMEMBERED: Alex



8pm, GARDENERS' WORLD: Monty Don



8.30pm, EMMERDALE: Charity



9pm, GOGGLEBOX: Giles and Mary



8pm, THE COTSWOLDS & BEYOND: Pam Ayres

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6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Regional News; Weather
7.00 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered Alex Jones and Gethin Jones share viewers' memories.
7.30 HM The Queen: The Vigil

7.00 Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs Paul Murton discovers a forgotten First World War German prison camp. (R)
7.30 Beechgrove George Anderson and Calum Clunie check out more of what the garden has produced. (R)

6.00 Regional News; Weather
6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather A round-up of the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather reports.

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.

7.00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out in the Welsh Mountains The comedian climbs the dramatic and spectacular peaks of north Wales, and stops off at the must-see tourist spot of the Tu Hwnt I'r Bont Tearoom (R); 5 News

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8.15 The Repair Shop Jay Blades and his team of furniture experts, horologists, metal workers, ceramicists and upholsterers try to restore family heirlooms and treasured possessions to their former glory.

8.00 Gardeners' World Monty Don demonstrates how to prune summer fruiting raspberries, divides perennials and plants daffodils and hyacinths in containers. Carol Klein visits a walled garden in Shropshire.

8.30 Emmerdale An excited Charity prepares for her trip away as Mackenzie answers a call, demanding that the person on the other end leave him alone. Leyla and Liam have couple's therapy and Liam is left feeling exhausted.

8.00 NEW The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice Host Jo Brand is joined by celebrity fans Harry Hill, Melvin Odoom and Roisin Conaty to discuss the new batch of bakers and to tuck into the events of cake week.

8.00 The Cotswolds & Beyond with Pam Ayres Pam's journey begins beyond the Cotswolds borders at Highclere Castle, one of Britain's most recognisable stately homes and now better known as Downton Abbey.

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9.00 Celebrity MasterChef The remaining contenders begin finals week, serving up afternoon tea for 12 famous guests at Alexandra Palace, before making a dish inspired by their childhood. Last in series.

9.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing Bob and Paul travel to the Crogen Estate in north Wales.
9.30 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling The actor is given a taste of island life when his friend takes him on a journey.

9.00 NEW Professor T When a student is left badly burnt and in a coma after a house fire, the detectives overcome their reluctance to call in the University of Cambridge criminology professor. Crime drama, starring Ben Miller.

9.00 Gogglebox The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week, with cameras capturing their instant reactions and the lively discussions that are prompted by the week's best shows.

9.00 Digging for Treasure: Tonight Dan Walker, Michaela Strachan and Raksha Dave set up camp in the shadow of Southwark Cathedral in London, focusing on mudlarking on the banks of the Thames foreshore at London Bridge. Thanks to the anaerobic mud, items from many eras regularly wash up – anything from Victorian pots and pipes to a rare sword from the Middle Ages. Last in series.

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10.00 BBC News at Ten A round-up of the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.

10.00 QI Sandi Toksvig hosts the quiz with a difference as comedians Sara Pascoe, Stephen K Amos and Jason Manford join regular panellist Alan Davies to answer questions on plants. (R)
10.30 Newsnight Headlines.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.45 The NFL Show Laura Woods is joined by Jason Bell and Osi Umenyiora to present highlights of the opening match of week two between Kansas City Chiefs and Los Angeles Chargers and look ahead to forthcoming fixtures.

10.00 The Last Leg Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by guests Richard Ayoade and Aisling Bea for a comic review of the past seven days.
10.50 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown With Lucy Beaumont, Roisin Conaty and Joe Wilkinson. (R)

10.00 FILM The Enforcer (1976, 18) Maverick cop 'Dirty' Harry Callahan is unwillingly teamed up with a female partner as he takes on terrorists who have stolen a shipment of weapons and explosives and plan to hold the city of San Francisco to ransom. Director James Fargo's crime thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood. ★★★

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11.00 Regional News; Weather A round-up of the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather reports.
11.05 Elizabeth R - A Year in the Life of The Queen A year of unprecedented access to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. (R)

11.05 MOTDx Jermaine Jenas and the team reveal more of the lifestyle and culture that surrounds the Premier League and those involved in it. (R)
11.35 Fake or Fortune? The origins of an epic old master hanging in a Port Glasgow church. (R)

11.45 Bradley & Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad The actor and his son head to Hungary, where they take to the open waters of Lake Balaton for a spot of catamaran sailing. (R)

11.55 One Night in Legoland Alex Brooker and Josh Widdicombe are joined by Jon Richardson and Lucy Beaumont, as they are travel to Legoland. Last in series. (R)

12.15am Police Interceptors (R) **1.00 The Great Smog: Winter of '52** (R) **2.00 The Pyrenees** with Michael Portillo (R) **3.05 Cruising** with Jane McDonald. Double bill. (R) **5.05 Wildlife SOS** (R) **5.25 Entertainment News on 5** **5.30 Peppa Pig** (R) **5.35 Paw Patrol** (R) **5.50-6.00am Fireman Sam** (R)

12 midnight

12.55am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.00-6.00am BBC News. A round-up of the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs.

12.35am Sign Zone: Elizabeth: Her Passions & Pastimes. Documentary celebrating how the Queen relaxed away from the gaze of the public eye. (R) **1.35 Sign Zone: Saving Lives at Sea.** The story of the unpaid volunteers who work for the RNLI. (R) **2.35-6.35am This Is BBC Two**

12.05am Home Shopping **3.00 Queen and Country.** A look at the Queen's love of rural life through the eyes of those who joined her in the countryside or shared her passion for the great outdoors. (R) **3.55 Unwind with ITV** **5.00-6.00am Our Queen: The People's Stories** (R)

12.50am FILM Upgrade (2018, 15) A wheelchair-bound mugging victim seeks revenge with the aid of a computer chip implant. Sci-fi thriller, starring Logan Marshall-Green. ★★★★★ **2.30 Ramy.** Double bill. (R) **3.45 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free** (R) **4.00-6.15am Come Dine with Me** (R)

ITV2

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6.00am World's Funniest Videos **7.00** Love Bites **8.00** Secret Crush **9.00** Veronica Mars **10.00** One Tree Hill **11.00** Hart of Dixie **12.00noon** Supermarket Sweep **1.00** Family Fortunes **2.00** The Masked Singer US **3.05** Veronica Mars **4.00** One Tree Hill **5.00** Hart of Dixie

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Sean Fletcher and Ryan Thomas guess phrases hidden in clues.

7.00 **Secret Crush** Moses lays his heart on the line to colleague Megan.

8.00 **Bob's Burgers** Double bill.

9.00 **FILM** **2 Fast 2 Furious** (2003, 12) A disgraced cop is given a chance to redeem himself by going undercover to bring a drug trafficker to justice. Thriller sequel, with Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson and Eva Mendes. ★★

11.10 **Family Guy** Double bill.

12.10am American Dad! **1.05** Bob's Burgers **2.00** The Stand Up Sketch Show **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

Dave

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7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** Sin City Motors **11.00** Expedition with Steve Backshall **12.00noon** Bangers and Cash **1.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **2.00** Top Gear USA Special **3.00** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul **4.00** Top Gear **5.00** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul **6.00** Taskmaster

7.00 **Richard Osman's House of Games**

7.40 **Room 101** Sue Perkins, Bruno Tonioli and Steve Jones discuss their pet hates.

8.20 **Would I Lie to You?** Panel show.

9.00 **QI XL** With guests Ciarad Lloyd, Dermot O'Leary and Phill Jupitus.

10.00 **QI** With Professor Brian Cox, Rhys Darby and Jason Manford.

10.40 **Would I Lie to You?** Double bill.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** QI. Quiz. **1.15** QI XL **2.25** Room 101 **2.55** Would I Lie to You? **3.25** Mock the Week **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4

Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **8.00** Black-ish **9.00** How I Met Your Mother **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.00** Young Sheldon **12.00noon** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **3.00** Young Sheldon **4.00** Married at First Sight UK **5.00** The Big Bang Theory

6.00 **The Big Bang Theory** Double bill.

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Sid visits Victor in prison.

7.30 **The Big Bang Theory** Bernadette takes an interest in physics.

8.00 **Below Deck: Mediterranean** The crew prepares for the next charter.

9.00 **FILM** **War of the Worlds** (2005, 12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Tom Cruise. ★★★★★

11.15 **Naked Attraction** Singletons from Glasgow and Edinburgh take their pick of six potential partners.

12.20am **Naked Attraction** **1.25** First Dates Hotel **2.30** Below Deck **4.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **5.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.20-6.00am** Baby Daddy

Variations & S4C

WALES As **BBC1** except: **1.30-2.00pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Wales Today; Weather **8.15** Wales' Home of the Year. The five regional winners go head to head for the 2022 title. Last in series. **8.45-9.00** Weatherman Walking **10.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.40** Rewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop **11.10** Wales: Music Nation with Huw Stephens **12.10am** Deepfake Porn: Could You Be Next? **1.10** Ladhoo **1.35-6.00am** BBC News

WALES As **BBC2** except: **7.30-8.00pm** Iolo: A Wild Life. Iolo Williams recalls one of his first appearances on TV back in 1996. **11.00** Martin Compston's Scottish Fling **11.30-11.35** **NEW** Mock the Week **12.05-12.35am** MOTDx

MERIDIAN As **ITV** except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.30** ITV News Meridian **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian

CENTRAL As **ITV** except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Central **6.00-6.30** ITV News Central **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central

ITV WALES As **ITV** except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00-6.30** ITV News Wales at Six **7.00-8.00** Welsh Lives. Adeola Dewis

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Jersey **8.00** Buying and Selling **9.00** LittleBe **12.00noon** Best Cake Wins **12.30** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills **1.20** The Real Housewives of Jersey **2.20** The Only Way Is Essex **3.15** Million Dollar Listing: NYC **4.05** The Real Housewives of Orange County **5.00** The Real Housewives of Potomac

6.00 **Masters of Flip** Dave and Kortney Wilson fix up an outdated house.

7.00 **Buying and Selling** Helping a couple expecting their second child.

8.00 **Dinner Date** Marc chooses three blind dates from five potential partners.

9.00 **Botched** A woman who claims Santa broke her nose seeks Paul Nassif's help.

10.00 **Love Island USA** The US version of the international reality sensation.

11.30 **Botched** A facial skin graft growing pubic hair challenges Paul Nassif.

12.30am Tanya's Extreme Therapies **12.55-1.00am** Unwind with ITV

Drama

Freeview 20

7.00am 'Allo 'Allo! **7.45** Monarch of the Glen **8.40** The Bill **9.40** Classic Holby City **11.00** Casualty **12.00noon** The Bill **1.00** Classic EastEnders **2.20** Monarch of the Glen **3.20** A Place to Call Home **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small **5.20** Waiting for God **6.00** Are You Being Served?

6.40 'Allo 'Allo! The British airmen are forced to return to their hideout.

7.20 **Last of the Summer Wine** Wesley unveils his latest creation.

8.00 **Father Brown** The priest must race to save Bunty from the hangman's noose.

9.00 **Detectorists** Double bill. First episode of the comedy; a mole leaks information to a rival metal-detecting club.

10.20 **New Tricks** A DNA sample from a rebellious teenager provides a link to the murder of an interpreter four years earlier.

11.40 **Spooks** A member of the team is framed for murder. Peter Firth stars.

1.00am Bad Girls **2.20** Les Misérables **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

More4

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8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10pm** Heir Hunters **2.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **4.50** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.55** Car S.O.S

6.55 **Escape to the Chateau** Dick and Angel transform a river boat.

8.00 **Wondrous Wales** A family's flock needs to be brought down from the Brecon Beacons for lambing.

9.00 **Agatha Christie's Hjerson** The search for the suspect intensifies when a shooting occurs. With Oscar at the hospital and Harriet back in Hjerson's life, the case becomes personal. In Swedish.

10.00 **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill. A 19-year-old woman is brought in with suspected spinal injuries; a man is rushed in after losing control of his car.

12.05am 999: On the Front Line. A woman feels faint at work. **1.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.20-3.50am** Food Unwrapped

visits the seaside town of Barry Island. **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Cymru Wales

WEST As **ITV** except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country **6.00-6.30** ITV News West Country **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

ANGLIA As **ITV** except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.30** ITV News Anglia **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia

WESTCOUNTRY As **ITV** except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country **6.00-6.30** ITV News West Country. Headlines; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

S4C **6.00am** Cyw **11.00** Newyddion S4C: Ymweliad y Brenin a Chymru **3.30pm** Cymru O'r Awyr **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Trefi Gwyllt Iolo **6.30** Garddio a Mwy **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.30** Triathlon Cymru. Action from Bala, as the Triathlon Wales Series continued with another gruelling course. **9.00** Sgwrs Dan y Lloer. Elin Fflur chats to Bethan Ellis Owen. **9.30** Prosiect Pum Mil. Efforts are made to refurbish Theatr Fach Llangeifni. **10.30-11.35pm** Oci Oci Oci. Darts quiz.

BBC3

Freeview 23

7.00pm **Top Gear** Freddie Flintoff, Chris Harris and Paddy McGuinness head on an icy expedition.

8.00 **Squad Dates** Dating show in which two sets of single friends get together for a weekend of group dates, to see if love is on the cards.

9.00 **FILM** **Avicii: True Stories** (2017, 15) The story of the Swedish DJ, who died in 2018, featuring extensive personal and family archive and behind-the-scenes footage to paint a picture of his life. ★★★★★

10.35 **Some Girls** Triple bill. Greenshoots Academy is shortlisted to feature in a TV series; Holli's life becomes more complicated; Amber takes charge of the girls' prom night.

12.05am Squad Dates. Narrated by AJ Odudu. **1.05** Sky High Club: Scotland and Beyond **1.35** Dubai Hustle **2.05** Some Girls **3.35-4.00am** My Mate's a Bad Date

BBC4

Freeview 9

7.00pm **Ultimate Cover Versions at the BBC** Sixty years of cover performances from the archive, featuring the Moody Blues, Soft Cell, Alexandra Burke and UB40.

8.00 **TOTP: 1993** Double bill. With performances by Dannii Minogue, Paul Weller and 4 Non Blondes; performances by Shara Nelson, Roxette and Urban Cookie Collective.

9.00 **Carole King: In Concert** A performance recorded in 1971.

9.30 **Carole King: Natural Woman** Profile of the singer-songwriter, charting her upbringing in Brooklyn.

10.25 **Later – with Jools Holland** A compilation of performances.

11.25 **The Spice Girls at the BBC** A selection of performances.

12.25am TOTP: 1993 **1.25** Carole King: Natural Woman **2.15** Carole King: In Concert **2.50-3.50am** Later – with Jools Holland

5 USA

Freeview 21

6.00am TJC **9.00** Murder, She Wrote **10.00** NCIS **12.55pm** Entertainment News on 5 **1.00** Law & Order **3.55** Entertainment News on 5 **4.00** Law & Order **5.55** Entertainment News on 5

6.00 **NCIS** Triple bill. The team investigates the murder of a petty officer; the team investigates the deaths of a radio DJ and a naval officer; Abby becomes personally involved in a murder case.

9.00 **Private Eyes** A Mexican telenovela is plagued with near-fatal accidents targeting the lead actors.

10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. An investment banker is found dead; Benson and Stabler are drawn into a series of mind games; Chief Garland is conflicted when a pastor at his church is arrested.

12.55am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: triple bill **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
8.00 **LIVE** **NPC Rugby** Taranaki v Manawatu.
10.00 The Football Show
12.00noon Total Football
12.30 **LIVE** **DP World Tour Golf** The Italian Open.
5.30 **LIVE** **PGA Tour Golf** Fortinet Championship.
7.30 **LIVE** **PNF** Aston Villa v Southampton.
10.30 **LIVE** **LPGA Tour Golf** The Portland Classic.
11.00 **LIVE** **PGA Tour Golf** Fortinet Championship.
2.00-6.00am Sky Sports News

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am DPL 10.05 Best of England v South Africa
10.45 Women's International T20 Cricket
2.45pm Women's World T20 Classics
3.00 Women's International T20 Cricket
10.45 Best of England v South Africa
11.30 Shaun Pollock: Bowling Masterclass
12.00m't How the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup Was Won 2.00 How the 2012 ICC World T20 Was Won 4.00 Captain's Log 5.00 Women's World T20 Classics 5.30 Best of the Women's World T20 5.45-6.00am Best of the ICC Women's World Cup

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL 8.30 Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape
9.00 Bundesliga Weekly 9.30 EFL Greatest Games 10.00 EFL Cup Retro
12.00noon Bundesliga Weekly 12.30 Best Moments From The Championship Play-Off Final (1993-2019) 1.00 SPFL Highlights 1.45 EFL Highlights 3.00 EFL Goals
3.30 EFL Highlights 4.30 Bundesliga Weekly
5.00 Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special
5.30 EFL Highlights 6.30 Bundesliga Weekly
7.00 EFL Highlights 7.15 MLS
7.20 **LIVE** **Bundesliga** Mainz v Hertha Berlin.
9.30 Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special 10.00 Lionesses Special: Their Story 11.00 EFL Greatest Games 12.00m't Championship Season Review 1.00-6.00am EFL

BT SPORT 1

6.00am ESPN FC 6.30 Premier League – The Big Interview 7.00 WWE Raw Highlights 8.00 WWE NXT Highlights 9.00 Premier League Stories
9.30 ESPN FC 10.00 The Aussie Rules Show
10.30 **LIVE** **AFL** Geelong Cats v Brisbane Lions).
1.30pm UEFA Europa League Highlights Show
2.30 ESPN FC 3.00 WWE NXT 4.45 UEFA Europa League Highlights Show 5.45 UEFA Champions League Review
6.45 BT Sport Fight Night
7.00 **LIVE** **BT Sport Fight Night**
Denzel Bentley v Marcus Morrison.
12.00m't WWE SmackDown Highlights
1.00 **LIVE** **WWE Friday Night SmackDown**
3.00 Premier League Preview 3.30 Fishing: On the Bank 4.30 WSL Championship Tour
5.30-6.00am Premier League Preview

BT SPORT 2

6.00am FIM Sidecar World Championship Highlights 7.00 MotoE Highlights 7.30 Premier League – The Big Interview
8.00 **LIVE** **MotoGP** Coverage of the opening day of the Aragon Grand Prix.
3.00pm Premier League – The Big Interview 3.30 Premier League Stories 4.00 Inside Serie A 4.30 Hero CPL Highlights 5.00 ESPN FC 5.30 Ligue 1 Show 6.00 Premier League Preview 6.30 Currie Club 7.00 Inside Serie A 7.30 **LIVE** **Serie A** Salernitana v Lecce.
9.45 UEFA Champions League Magazine
10.15 MotoGP 10.30 UFC Live
11.00 WWE NXT Highlights
12.00m't **LIVE** **MLB**: Cleveland Guardians v Minnesota Twins (Start time 12.10am).
3.30 UFC Fight Camp 4.00 UEFA Champions League Review 5.00-6.00am UEFA Europa League Highlights Show

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am Cycling: Tour of Slovakia 7.00 Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg 8.00 Roland-Garros 9.30 Discovery Golf 10.00 Cycling: Tour of Slovakia
11.00 Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg
12.00noon **LIVE** **Cycling: Coppa Sabatini** Live coverage of the men's one-day race in Italy.
1.00 **LIVE** **Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg**
3.00 **LIVE** **Cycling: Tour of Slovakia**
4.30 Cycling: Ras na mBan 5.00 Triathlon PTO Tour: US Open Preview
6.00 Climbing World Cup 7.00 Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg 8.00 Cycling: Tour of Slovakia 9.00 Sports Spotlight 10.30 Wrestling: World Championships 11.00 Speedway Grand Prix 1.00am Hall of Fame – Rio 2016 2.00 Cycling: Tour of Slovakia 3.00 Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg 4.00 British Speedway 5.00-6.00am FIA World Endurance Championship

BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT

8.00am **LIVE** **NPC Rugby** Taranaki v Manawatu (kick-off 8.05am). (Sky Sports Arena)
10.50 **LIVE** **NRL** Parramatta Eels v Canberra Raiders (kick-off 10.50am). (Sky Sports Arena)
7.30pm **LIVE** **Betfred Super League** Wigan Warriors v Leeds Rhinos. (Sky Sports Arena)
12.30pm **LIVE** **DP World Tour Golf** The Italian Open. (Sky Sports Golf)
5.30pm-2.00am **LIVE** **PGA Tour Golf** The Fortinet Championship. (Sky Sports Golf)

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Coronation Street 7.30 Classic Emmerdale 8.05 That's My Boy 9.15 The Royal 1.40pm Classic Emmerdale 3.50 Classic Coronation Street 6.00 Heartbeat 8.00 McDonald & Dadds 10.00 Maigret 11.45 Inspector Morse 2.05-2.30am Unwind

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes 7.00 The Saint 7.55 Magnum, PI 9.00 The Sweeney 10.05 Minder 11.15 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes 12.25pm The Saint 1.30 Match Time Revisited 2.35 Magnum, PI 3.35 The Sweeney 4.40 Minder 5.50 Dramatic Finishes 6.00 **LIVE** World Series of Darts Finals 10.00 All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite 12.05am On the Road 1.05 Auto Mundial 1.35 Motorsport Mundial 2.05 The Protectors 2.40-3.00am Unwind

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Entertainment News on 5 8.05 Judge Judy 11.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun 12.00noon Shoplifters & Scammers: At War with the Law 1.00 Traffic Cops 2.00 Police Interceptors 5.00 Dogs with Extraordinary Friends 6.00 Home and Away 7.00 Caught on Camera: Funniest Moments 9.00 **FILM** Elysium (2013/15) **★★★★**
11.10 **FILM** Hellboy (2019/15) **★★★★** 1.30 Dirty Home Rescue 2.35 Wanted 3.25 Judge Judy 3.45-4.00am Entertainment News on 5

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit 8.00 Countryside 999 9.00 Posh Pawn 10.00 Antiques Road Trip 12.00noon Money for Nothing 1.00 The Hotel Inspector 2.00 Animal Cops Houston 4.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 5.00 Ambulance 6.00 Money for Nothing 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Ghost Adventures: Up Close & Personal 10.00 Ghost Hunters 11.00 Ghost Adventures 12.00m't Portals to Hell 1.00 Ghost Adventures 2.00 Teleshopping 4.00-6.00am Animal Cops Houston

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Entertainment News on 5 9.10 Trucking Hell 10.05 Traffic Cops 11.05 Police Interceptors 12.10pm **FILM** Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971/U) **★★★★★** 2.05 **FILM** River of No Return (1954/PG) **★★★★** 4.00 Trucking Hell 5.00 Traffic Cops 6.00 Police Interceptors 10.00 Police: Hour of Duty 11.00 The Motorway 12.00m't Criminals: Caught on Camera 1.00 Fights, Camera, Action! 2.00 Trucking Hell 3.00 Sinkholes 3.50 101 Events That Made the 20th Century 4.50-5.00am Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 11

6.00am Beethoven: The Complete Symphonies 6.30 **FILM** Andre Rieu: Together Again (2021) 9.00 Tales of the Unexpected 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Joan Fontaine 12.00noon I, Claude Monet 1.00 Tales of the Unexpected 1.30 Sky Arts Book Club 2.30 Portrait Artist of the Year 2014 4.00 Discovering: Richard Harris 5.00 Tales of the Unexpected 6.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 7.00 Classic Albums 8.00 Discovering: The Beach Boys 8.30 Brian Wilson Plays Baloise

BBC RADIO 1

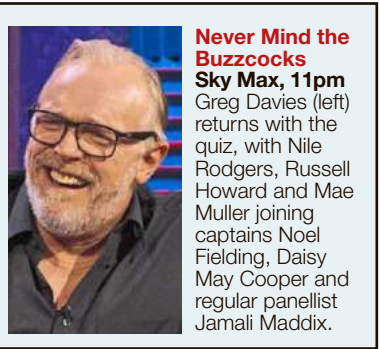
97.6-99.8MHz 6.33am Radio 1's Best New Pop 6.57 Newsbeat 7.00 Greg James 10.00 Radio 1 Anthems 11.02 Katie Thistleton 12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00 Matt and Mollie 3.00 Radio 1's Party Anthems 4.00 The Official Chart on Radio 1 with Jack Saunders 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Radio 1's Dance Party with Danny Howard 8.00 Radio 1's Future Dance with Sarah Story 10.00 Pete Tong 12.00m't Radio 1's Essential Mix 2.00 Radio 1 Dance Presents 3.00 Danny Howard's Club Mix 4.00 Radio 1's Wind Down Presents 5.00-6.00am Radio 1 Dance

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00noon Jeremy Vine 2.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Michelle Visage 9.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spooky 12.00m't Her Majesty's Music 1.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin 2.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin 3.00 Phil Williams 5.00-6.00am Radio 2 in Concert: BB King

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast 9.00 Essential Classics 12.00noon Composer of the Week: Bruckner 1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert 2.00 Afternoon Concert 4.30 The Listening Service 5.00 In Tune 7.00 In Tune Mixtape 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert 10.00 The Verb 10.45 The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language 11.00 Late Junction 1.00am Piano Flow with Lianne La



Never Mind the Buzzcocks Sky Max, 11pm
Greg Davies (left) returns with the quiz, with Nile Rodgers, Russell Howard and Mae Muller joining captains Noel Fielding, Daisy May Cooper and regular panellist Jamali Maddix.

Session 10.30 Berlin Live: Blondie 11.50 The Ronnie Wood Show 12.50am Eric Clapton: Nothing But the Blues 3.05 Discovering: Eric Clapton 3.30 Santana: Music Icons 4.00 Discovering: Robert Donat 5.00-6.00am The Sky Arts Book Club Summer Reads Special

GOLD

7.30am Keeping Up Appearances 8.00 Outnumbered 8.35 dinnerladies 9.15 Hi-de-Hil 9.55 Open All Hours 10.35 Last of the Summer Wine 11.55 Desmond's 12.25pm dinnerladies 1.00 Dad's Army 2.20 Keeping Up Appearances 2.55 Last of the Summer Wine 4.10 Dad's Army 4.50 Open All Hours 5.25 Keeping Up Appearances 6.00 Hi-de-Hil 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 Only Fools and Horses 9.20 Bottom 10.35 Only Fools and Horses 11.55 All Round to Mrs Brown's 1.05am The Cockfields 1.40 Peep Show 2.35 Live at the Apollo 3.35-4.00am Peep Show

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.00am Railway Murders 8.00 Abandoned Engineering 9.00 The World at War 10.00 War Factories 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00noon The Architecture the Railways Built 1.00 Bangers and Cash 2.00 Abandoned Engineering 4.00 War Factories 5.00 The World at War 6.00 The Architecture the Railways Built 7.00 Abandoned Engineering 8.00 Hornby: A Model World 9.00 Steam Train Britain 10.00 Bangers and Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00m't The Architecture the Railways Built 1.00-3.00am Railway Murders

ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 10.00 Unforgettable 11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 12.00noon Death in Paradise 1.00 Father Brown 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 5.00 Unforgettable 6.00 Major Crimes 7.00 Rizzoli & Isles 8.00 Death in Paradise 9.00 CSI: Vegas. When David Hodges goes missing, the CSI team searches for any piece of evidence that can help locate him, and clear his name. 10.00 Death in Paradise 11.00 Murdoch Mysteries 12.00m't Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 1.00 Father Brown 2.00-4.00am The Gulf

SKY MAX

6.00am Stargate SG-1 8.00 The Flash 9.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow 10.00 Supergirl 11.00 NCIS: New Orleans 1.00pm Hawaii Five-0 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow 4.00 The Flash 5.00 Supergirl 6.00

Radio

CHOICE

Late Junction Radio 3, 11pm
Jennifer Lucy Allan shares the fruits of our latest long-distance collaboration, between composer, multi-instrumentalist and self-described musician of the world Ariel Kalma in Australia and artists Jeremiah Chiu and Marta Sofia Honer who have collaborated and cohabited for years.

Havas 2.00 Happy Harmonies with Laufey 3.00-7.00am Through the Night

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz, LW 198kHz 6.00am Today 9.00 The Reunion 9.45 (LW) Daily Service 9.45 (FM) Book of the Week: A Visible Man 10.00 Woman's Hour 11.00 The King in Wales 12.00noon (FM) News Headlines 12.01 (FM) Shipping Forecast 12.04 (FM) The King in Wales 1.05 The World at One 1.45 Reflections on Majesty 2.00 The Archers 2.15 Drama: Exemplar 2.45 Living with the Gods 3.00 Gardeners' Question Time 3.45 Short Works 4.00 Last Word 4.30 The Digital Human 5.00 PM 5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather 6.00 News 6.30 The News Quiz 7.00 The Archers 7.15 Screenshot 8.00 Any Questions? 8.50 Reflections on Majesty 9.00 Spitfire: From the Ashes 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Maid 11.00 Great Lives 11.30 The Digital Human 12.00m't

Stargate SG-1 8.00 Freddie Fries Again. Andrew Flintoff and Rob Penn's second tour concludes in Ireland. 9.00 Rob & Romesh vs NBA Basketball 10.00 A League of Their Own 11.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 11.45 Banshee 12.55am The Blacklist 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 MacGyver 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Storm City 7.45 Boardwalk Empire 10.00 The Sopranos 12.15pm Ray Donovan 2.25 Game of Thrones 3.30 Boardwalk Empire 5.45 The Sopranos 7.55 Game of Thrones 9.00 Munich Games 10.00 House of the Dragon 11.05 We Own This City 12.15am The Wire 3.30 In Treatment 4.00-6.00am Storm City

SKY WITNESS

6.00am UK Border Force 7.00 Stop, Search, Seize 8.00 Border Patrol 9.00 Road Wars 10.00 Air Ambulance ER 11.00 The Good Doctor 12.00noon 9-1-1 1.00 FBI 2.00 Blue Bloods 3.00 The Equalizer 4.00 Paramedics Australia 5.00 Nothing to Declare 8.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 FBI: Most Wanted 10.00 Blue Bloods 11.00 The Equalizer 12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1.00 FBI 2.00 The Force: Manchester 3.00 Road Wars 5.00-6.00am Brit Cops: Law & Disorder

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Futurama 9.00 Everybody Hates Chris 9.30 Modern Family 10.25 Curb Your Enthusiasm 12.45pm Los Espookys 2.30 The Office (US) 3.00 Will & Grace 4.00 Modern Family 5.00 The Office (US) 5.30 Futurama 6.30 Everybody Hates Chris 7.30 The Office (US) 9.00 Girls 10.00 Late Late Show Best of the Week 11.00 The Rehearsal 11.35 The Late Late Show with James Corden 12.30am Sex and the City 1.40 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 2.30 Entourage 4.00-5.00am Everybody Hates Chris

DISCOVERY

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Deadliest Catch 8.00 Building Off the Grid 9.00 The Last Alaskans 10.00 Ice Lake Rebels 11.00 Wheeler Dealers 12.00noon Supertrucks 1.00 Gold Rush: Winter's Fortune 2.00 Lone Star Law 3.00 Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch 4.00 Alaska: The Last Frontier 5.00 Wheeler Dealers 6.00 Kindig Customs 7.00 Junkyard Empire 8.00 Gold Rush 9.00 Expedition Unknown 10.00 UFO Witness 11.00 Yukon Men 12.00m't Mysteries of the Deep 1.00 Expedition Unknown 2.00 UFO Witness 3.00 Expedition Unknown 4.00-5.00am UFO Witness

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Nazi Megastructures 9.00 The Lost Tomb of Alexander the Great 10.00 Europe from Above 11.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 12.00noon Plane Wreck: Draining the Ocean 1.00 Ultimate Airport Dubai 2.00 Air Crash Investigation 4.00 Ice Road Rescue: Highway Havoc 5.00 Car S.O.S 6.00 Inside Turkish Airlines 7.00 Air Crash Investigation 8.00 9/11: One Day In America 10.30 Hitler's Last Secrets 11.00 Air Crash Investigation 12.00m't Car S.O.S 1.00 Wicked Tuna 2.00 Ice Road Rescue 3.00-5.00am Air Crash Investigation

Movies

FILM4

11.00am **The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell** (1955/U) Courtroom drama, starring Gary Cooper and Rod Steiger. **★★★★**
1.05pm **Esther Waters** (1948/PG) Period drama, starring Dirk Bogarde. **★★**
3.15 **Gunpoint** (1966/PG) Western, starring Audie Murphy and Joan Stanley. **★★**
5.00 **Santa Fe Passage** (1955/U) Western adventure, starring John Payne. **★★**
6.50 **Junior** (1994/PG) Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. **★★★★**
9.00 **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (2008/12) The globe-trotting archaeologist races against Soviet agents to find a mysterious artefact of untold power. Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford and Cate Blanchett. **★★★★**
11.20 **Last Action Hero** (1993/PG) Comedy adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Austin O'Brien. **★★★★**
1.55-4.00am **Entertainment** (2015/15) Drama, starring Gregg Turkington. **★★★★**

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.30am **Sky Cinema Preview**
7.30 **Sing 2** (2021/U) See 3.55pm. **★★★★**
9.35 **Marry Me** (2022/12) See 8.00pm. **★★★★**
11.40 **Murder at Yellowstone City** (2022/15) Western, starring Gabriel Byrne. **★★★★**
2.00pm **American Carnage** (2022/15) Horror comedy, starring Jenna Ortega. **★★★★**
3.55 **Sing 2** (2021/U) Animated musical sequel, with the voices of Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon. **★★★★**
6.00 **Last Looks** (2021/15) Thriller, starring Charlie Hunnam and Mel Gibson. **★★★★**
8.00 **Marry Me** (2022/12) Premiere. Two music superstars are preparing to get married, but then she learns – seconds before her vows – that he has been unfaithful. Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez. **★★★★**
10.00 **Scream** (2022/18) Horror sequel, starring Neve Campbell and Courteney Cox. **★★★★**
12.10am **Stowaway** (2022/15) Action thriller, starring Ruby Rose and Frank Grillo. **★★**
1.55 **Last Looks** (2021/15) See 6.00pm for details. **★★★★**
4.05-6.15am **The 355** (2022/12) Action thriller, starring Jessica Chastain. **★★★★**

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.25pm **How The Grinch Stole Christmas** (2000/PG) Comedy, with Jim Carrey. **★★★★**
6.15 **Bad Santa** (2003/15) Comedy, with Billy Bob Thornton and Tony Cox. **★★★★**
8.00 **Jingle All the Way** (1996/PG) Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **★★★★**
9.35 **Miracle on 34th Street** (1973/U) Drama, with Jane Alexander. **★★★★**
11.20 **Miracle on 34th Street** (1994/U) Drama, with Richard Attenborough. **★★★★**
1.15am **This Christmas** (2007/12) Drama, with Delroy Lindo and Idris Elba. **★★★★**
3.15 **12 Men of Christmas** (2009/PG) Drama, with Kristin Chenoweth. **★★★★**
4.45-6.25am **Miracle on 34th Street** (1947/U) Drama, with Edmund Gwenn. **★★★★★**

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

5.00pm **Peter Rabbit 2** (2021/U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voices of Rose Byrne and Domhnall Gleeson. **★★★★**
6.35 **Tooth Fairy** (2010/PG) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. **★★★★**
8.30 **The Borrowers** (1997/U) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **★★★★**
10.10 **Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase** (2019/PG) Family crime drama, starring Sophia Lillis and Laura Wiggins. **★★★★**
11.50 **Adventures of Rufus: The Fantastic Pet** (2020/PG) Adventure, starring Kyler Charles Beck and Cory Phillips. **★★**
1.25am **Pinocchio** (2019/PG) Adaptation of the classic tale, starring Federico Ielpi. **★★★★**
4.05-6.00am **Paddington 2** (2017/PG) Comedy adventure, with the voice of Ben Whishaw and Hugh Bonneville. **★★★★★**

TCM

5.05pm **Murder at the Gallop** (1963/U) Miss Marple mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford and Flora Robson. **★★★★**
6.50 **The Last Hunt** (1956/PG) Western, starring Robert Taylor. **★★★★**
9.00 **The Man from UNCLE** (2015/12) Spy adventure, starring Henry Cavill. **★★★★**
11.25 **Get Carter** (1971/18) Thriller, starring Michael Caine and Ian Hendry. **★★★★★**
1.45-3.15am **Mystery Submarine** (1950/U) Adventure, starring Macdonald Carey. **★★★★**

GREAT! MOVIES

4.45pm **Gambit** (1966/U) Crime comedy, with Michael Caine and Shirley MacLaine. **★★★★**
6.55 **Last Vegas** (2013/12) Comedy, starring Michael Douglas and Robert De Niro. **★★★★**
9.00 **American Gangster** (2007/18) Crime drama, starring Denzel Washington. **★★★★**
12.10am **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (2011/18) Thriller remake, starring Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara. **★★★★**
3.25-6.00am **What's Eating Gilbert Grape** (1993/12) Drama, starring Johnny Depp and Leonardo DiCaprio. **★★★★**

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Tue 16 Arrive in London Tilbury

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By Deborah Stone

COULD modular homes solve the housing crisis? It's a good question and a subject that's gaining ground as we continue to focus on energy-efficiency in our homes. Apart from being faster to build, factory-made houses and apartments are more environmentally friendly, while off-site construction cuts down on both traffic congestion and pollution from lorries.

TopHat, one of Britain's few modular housebuilders, has a factory at Foxton in Derby and recently announced plans to open Europe's largest homebuilding factory in Northamptonshire next year. This is expected to deliver 4,000 homes annually – one for every hour of production.

Other start-up modular home builders include Ilke Homes, which has entered into partnership with Octopus Energy to deliver the first homes in the UK with guaranteed zero energy bills thanks to air source heat pumps, solar panels and battery storage technology. Meanwhile M&G Modular, the modular development arm of UK insurance group Legal & General, works closely with the company's build-to-rent and affordable homes teams.

TopHat's Kitchener Barracks development in Chatham, Kent, is a gated development on a former military site near Fort Amherst, built 300 years ago to defend the area from Napoleonic invasion, and is surrounded by a 173-acre Great Line Heritage Park.

It's a mix of two and three-bedroom terraced houses and three, four and five-bedroom townhouses for sale from £320,000 to £550,000 (01634 776416; kitchenerbarracks.com). Some of the homes are in the refurbished barracks building and there are 32 apartments for sale with shared ownership through affordable housing provider St Arthur Homes (starthurhomes.com).

The development has a car club and is a five-minute bike ride from Chatham railway station, with

Homes with all Mod cons



KITCHENER BARRACKS: Modular homes may help solve the housing crisis

trains to London St Pancras taking less than 40 minutes. Jorden Rosenhaus, CEO of TopHat, says: "Three-D modular homes represent a future where homes are ever-better quality, affordable, beautifully designed, and both green to build and to live in."

Developer Love Living Homes has worked with L&G Modular Homes on the highly energy-efficient two and three-bedroom houses at Westwood Acres near Broadstairs in Kent, which have an energy performance rating (EPR) of A, the top level achieved by just one per cent of new properties in England in 2021 according to L&G.

Not only are they energy efficient but the use of modular construction and smart engineering means they were built using less energy and water than mainstream homes, although the development also includes traditionally built four-bedroom houses.

All have solar panels, high-quality insulation and air source heat pumps, and are available as shared ownership, with prices from £88,500 for a 30 per cent share of a two-bedroom house (01892 501490; lovelivinghomes.co.uk).

Modular homes make sense at a time when materials and labour are in short supply says Chris Pittock, project director (planning) of London-based international housing developer LEOS. However he points out that there's still a negative perception of modular building within the industry as well as from buyers and, crucially, mortgage providers: "There are significant hurdles insofar as funding is concerned and, until these issues are addressed, so the opportunity cannot unfortunately be fully realised."

Tim Foreman, managing director for land and new homes at Leaders Romans Group, agrees: "The good news is that modern construction methods and production speed means an increasing number of people, mortgage companies and housing authorities now see modular homes as a viable option."

"However, the financial services industry needs to step up and make modular mortgages mainstream if factory-homes are to become a panacea to the housing crisis."

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RUPERT AND THE WHALE No 21



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The combination of tomato and basil makes this a particularly flavoursome soup, full of depth and colour. Serves 4.

INGREDIENTS

4 cloves garlic, unpeeled

1kg plum tomatoes, quartered

3 tbsps of olive oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1L hot chicken stock

Good handful fresh basil

1/2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

METHOD

1) Preheat the oven to 190C.

2) Place the unpeeled garlic and tomato quarters, cut side up, on a baking tray. Drizzle with oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

3) Roast for 1 hour in the heated oven.

4) Squeeze the garlic from its skin, and blend with the roasted tomatoes and juice from the baking tray.

5) Add stock, basil and vinegar. Blend until smooth, then season to taste.

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Russell Grant Britain's celebrity astrologer

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

You're tired of being manipulated by people in high places. Your boss or a senior is taking advantage of you. You no longer intend to take on extra hours or additional responsibilities. It's time to demand the respect you deserve.

0905 789 3701**

Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

If friends expect you to do one thing and family another, your loyalty is with your loved ones. Those closest play an important part in your life. Keep arrangements flexible, this will allow you to take up a partner's inspired suggestion.

0905 789 3707**

Taurus Apr 21 - May 21

A relative's selfishness takes you by surprise. They'll refuse to get involved in a family crisis. Although you won't be happy to tear yourself away from routine matters, if no-one else will deal with this, you seem to have no choice.

0905 789 3702**

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Pastimes will be the biggest attraction now. Even if you aren't very sporty, a walk in the fresh air will feel therapeutic. Good news to do with jobs will justify a celebration. To take up this offer you may have to learn a technical skill.

0905 789 3708**

Gemini May 22 - June 21

A close friend or loved one will reveal a hidden side to their life. Almost as soon as this secret is out in the open they will show signs of having doubts about declaring this to you. Bend over backwards to reassure and encourage them.

0905 789 3703**

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

You'll admit to being easily distracted recently, yet this hasn't prevented you from getting results. A wedding, anniversary or engagement party is a great excuse to splash out on an attractive outfit that will wow others.

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Cancer June 22 - July 23

Once you have added the finishing touches to a job you have worked on since the start of the month, your mind will be left thinking about what you've left to do. You won't get much of a chance to take a break as something else happens.

0905 789 3704**

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

A new career opportunity could mean relocating. You might hold back from sharing this with family until you're certain it's a possibility. It'd be better to discuss this now and give everyone a chance to get used to possible changes ahead.

0905 789 3710**

Leo July 24 - Aug 23

You expected to receive results of a recent interview, test or application. You're in two minds whether to chase this up or wait. If you tell yourself no news is good news you'll remain hopeful even if you didn't expected to have to wait so long.

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Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

You'll be seeing the consequences of important decisions made earlier in the month. Although you were slightly wary, you should be pleased with the outcome. In legal or financial dealings, watch out for hidden costs.

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Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

You may not be able to call a job you are working on at the moment heavy going but, because your heart isn't really in it, perhaps it feels like hard work. Finances are a little cloudy when a partner has been dipping into joint accounts.

0905 789 3706**

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Workmates who are confused will turn to you for explanations. They'll be impressed by the way you help them understand what is going on. Discussions will pave the way to a better future. Keep reminding yourself of your priorities.

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King Charles and Princess Anne must be exhausted

MEMBERS of the Royal Family must be exhausted, as they haven't stopped since the Queen died.

I'm sure Charles will lead us magnificently and Princess Anne is a wonderful example to women.

She was marching behind the coffin even though she is in her 70s and only three years younger than me.

Pauline Pittaway,
Coventry

So sad Harry and Andrew couldn't wear uniforms

IN RECENT sad days we have seen both Prince Andrew and Prince Harry walking behind the Queen's coffin, neither in the uniforms they both wore with honour in the service of Crown and country.

Both bravely offered their lives for our safety. Prince Andrew served with distinction in the Falklands, Prince Harry in Afghanistan.

Neither counted the risk. Uniforms were donned with pride, medals were earned.

We owe them both our respect. If these restrictions were made in our name, I am ashamed.

Davine Marsden,
Cheltenham, Glos

I just can't forget what Camilla Parker Bowles did

I AM very surprised by Ann Widdecombe's support of the Queen Consort ("Diana diehards have to address Camilla's calling", September 14).

I am no Diana diehard (quite the reverse), but I have not forgotten the behaviour of Camilla Parker Bowles (as was).

Sue Leonard,
Colchester, Essex

Don't give any publicity to these arrogant morons

WHY on earth were these arrogant morons given time on TV to protest against the monarchy while thousands were mourning along the Queen's funeral procession route ("Ex-top cop raps demo arrests", September 14)?

Malcolm Charnock,
Kidderminster, Worcs

Carole hits the nail on the head over the royal rift

CAROLE Malone's article about William and Harry is one of best, most accurate and true pieces of journalism I have ever read ("Reunited...but rift will be far from healed", September 14).

Meghan Markle is not a British citizen and her right to travel to the UK should be denied.

We should remember that she was and still is an actress.

Peter Chatterton,
Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire

Meghan should do right thing and miss funeral

I ACCEPT that Harry will attend the funeral of our late Queen, as he is her grandson.

But I am sure I am not the only person in the country who will be offended at Meghan's appearance.

Letter of the day

Picture: GETTY



GLOBAL: Technology means world can mourn together

Our love for the Queen is unsurpassed

HAS there ever, in the history of our nation, been a monarch who has been so loved and respected ("Your nation stands with you, Ma'am", September 15)?

We are bereft at her passing and it is difficult to take on board that we shall never see her radiant smile again, or hear her gentle voice at Christmas.

Thanks to the progress in communication and technology, we are able to share in this time of mourning with millions of people around the world in our own homes.

While we mourn her loss, I think that it is fitting, as a tribute to Her Majesty, that our country should give its support to Charles, now King, in the months and years ahead.

Ruth Peberdy,
Bridgwater, Somerset

Since leaving the UK, Harry and Meghan have consistently had pot shots at our Royal Family.

Meghan, do the right thing, stay away, go home now and never come back here.

Susan Hudson,
Blackpool, Lancs

Sympathy for prince over anguished walk down Mall

I AM not a Harry fan but, for today, I have sympathy for him because he has walked down The Mall like that before – behind his mum's coffin ("Silent solemnity... as a nation gives thanks", September 15).

Meghan, however, looks like a walking photo opportunity.

Dave Alsop,
Churchdown, Glos

Mark of respect would be showing some fortitude

PRINCE Harry keeps harping on about how much respect he has for his grandmother, the late Queen.

But I think it's disrespectful for him to cling on to his wife so much. Is he that insecure?

He needs to grow up and show some fortitude and resilience.

Thank goodness he has "retired" from public life.

Beryl Peach,
Alston, Cumbria

Obsession with Ukraine means Putin can't stop

VLADIMIR Putin's obsession with Ukraine has turned to addiction, which is why he can't stop ("Zelensky praises troops on visit to liberated city", September 15).

His behaviour is similar to what I have heard about the all-consuming mindset of gambling addiction.

The adrenaline rush of a win continues even as debts mount up and health deteriorates.

This overrides any valid reason for the gambling itself.

Valerie Silver,
Basingstoke, Hants

Our monarch proved that love is stronger than hate

THE Queen has proved through her life of service and shown the world that love is stronger than hate.

Vladimir Putin must realise that by now, and he should stop the war in Ukraine before it is too late.

Josephine Juden,
Bournemouth

Our MPs should be sacked when they break the law

PERHAPS another task to add to our new PM's ever-expanding to-do list is to make it a mandatory

requirement for MPs who are found guilty of breaking the law to leave their Parliamentary positions ("Scottish MP 'wilfully ignored' Covid rules", September 14).

Margaret Ferrier has just been found guilty of breaking Covid rules when she knowingly had the virus and travelled from London to Glasgow by train.

She can still sit as an independent MP but then former PM Boris Johnson was guilty of having a birthday cake thrust in front of him and lost his premiership.

I'm afraid that you just couldn't make it up.

Kathryn Hill,
Queniborough, Leics

TV commentators should stop stating the obvious

I'VE been watching coverage about the Queen every single day but I have had to switch back and forth between ITV and the BBC because I find the commentators' chitter chatter unnecessary.

I can understand if they describe what is happening, or what we are seeing, but asking: "How do you think they are feeling?" or just talking for the sake of talking is unnecessary and it just puts me off those presenters.

Susan Turnbull,
Bedlington, Northum

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Yes I WASN'T that convinced by Erling Haaland before he signed for Manchester City but, my goodness, has he proved me wrong ("Flying machine", September 15).

The boy reminds of Alan Shearer when he burst on to the scene, and look how he ended

up. Haaland has everything. He is strong, makes great runs and brings the best out of other players.

He can score all kinds of goals and his winner against Dortmund the other night was mercurial. He is already the best we've seen.

Bob Rigby,
Stockport, Cheshire

No I BET Harry Kane is a bit miffed Spurs priced him out of a move to Manchester City last year.

Now that Erling Haaland has arrived I think City will win even more trophies.

He has everything the team needed but I still think Kane is a better

player and would have scored just as many goals in a City shirt.

People are going overboard just because the new lad has hit the ground running.

But he has a long way to go before he matches the likes of Alan Shearer when it comes to class.

Natalie Cook,
Nottingham

TODAY: Friday
September 16, 2022

ON THIS DAY



44 years ago (1978)

We revealed that Baader-Meinhof terrorist Astrid Proll had been arrested in London while working as a mechanic under a false name.

She had escaped the German police and fled to England where she married and took a new name as Anna Puttick.

Proll eventually turned herself over to the German authorities the following year, and was sentenced to a total of five-and-a-half years in prison for bank robbery and falsifying documents.

77 years ago (1945)

Rear Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt sailed into Hong Kong harbour to formally accept the surrender of the Japanese military government and re-establish British rule. This was despite the declaration from US President Franklin D. Roosevelt years earlier the island would be restored to China.

54 years ago (1968)

First-class post was introduced as part of the new two-tier postal system which the Government hoped would raise £25million for the nation's Treasury.

Around 25 per cent of all letters posted on that first day were at the new 5d first-class postal rate.

BIRTHDAYS



The Wrestler star **Mickey Rourke** is 70. He quit acting to become a pro boxer.



Magician **David Copperfield** is 66. He's worth a reported £715million.



Singer **Nick Jonas** is 30. He's married to Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra.



Former Blue Peter host **Janet Ellis** is 67. She's the mum of singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor.

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STOCK MARKET

FTSE 100	7282.1	▲	+4.8
FTSE 250	18886.3	▲	+37.1
FTSE ALL SHARE	4000.3	▲	+3.5
Shares Traded	4571.2 million		

POPULAR SHARES ON THE RISE

Abrdn	144½	+2¼
Aviva	442½	+5¼
BAE Systems	774¼	+3½
Barclays	172¼	+2¼
BT Group	141	+¾
GSK	1337½	+5½
HSBC Holdings	529¼	+10¼
Int Consolidated Airlines	108½	+1½
Lloyds Banking Group	47½	+1½
NATWEST GROUP	274¼	+4½
Rolls-Royce Holdings	76¼	+1¼
Saga	159¼	+3
Unilever	3969½	+4
Vodafone Group	109¼	+2
Whitbread	2688	+19

POPULAR SHARES ON THE SLIDE

AstraZeneca	10130	-22
BP	456½	-5¼
Centrica	81¼	-½
Marks & Spencer Group	115¼	-4½
National Grid	1034½	-19
Royal Mail	250	-1½
Sainsbury (J)	201¼	-1¼
Shell	2314½	-26½
Tesco	232	-5¼

WORLD MARKETS

WALL STREET	30,961.8	▼	-173.3
TOKYO	27875.9	▲	+57.3
HONG KONG	18930.4	▲	+83.3
GERMANY	12956.7	▼	-71.3
FRANCE	6157.8	▼	-64.6

STERLING VALUE

Dollar	1.149	▼	-0.005
Yen	164.821	▼	-0.410
Euro	1.148	▼	-0.009

DOLLAR VALUE

Dollar/Yen	143.439	▲	+0.2674
Dollar/Euro	0.999	▼	-0.0032

COMMODITIES

GOLD(\$)	▼	1668.70
KRUGGERAND(£)	▼	1452.36
SILVER(pence)	▼	1678.90
BRENT CRUDE(\$)	▼	91.28

OTHER INDICATORS

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House price Index	+7.8%
Unemployment	1,294,000

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Israel	3.70 shekel
Japan	157.07 yen
Mexico	21.67 peso
New Zealand	1.84 dollar
Norway	11.14 krone
Poland	5.14 zloty
Russia	69.73 ruble
Saudi Arabia	4.09 riyal
South Africa	19.27 rand
Sweden	11.74 krona
Switzerland	1.07 franc
Thailand	39.90 baht
Turkey	19.53 lira
United States	1.13 dollar

John Lewis blames cost of living crisis for £100m loss

JOHN Lewis has warned staff their annual bonus could be in doubt due to the cost-of-living crisis.

It comes after the high street giant suffered a near £100million half-year loss.

The group, which runs Waitrose and the John Lewis department stores, said a “substantial strengthening of performance” was needed to justify a payout to its 76,000 workers – known as partners.

The John Lewis Partnership restored its bonus – worth three per cent of salaries – last year after scrapping it in 2020 for the first time since 1953.

However, the employee-owned group will offer extra cost-of-living support to staff. They will get free food at work for 14 weeks over winter and one-off payments equal to £500 for a full-time staff member.

Together with a four per cent wage rise for the lowest paid workers, the group said the package amounts to £45million.

John Lewis has seen losses balloon to £99million in the six months to the end of July, from £29million the same time last year. Chairman Dame Sharon White

By **Graham Hiscott**

said: “We have made the very conscious choice to forego profit so we can prioritise support for our partners, customers, our suppliers and communities.”

Sales at John Lewis rose by three per cent to £2.1billion, but fell five per cent to £3.6billion at Waitrose. The group faces a jump in costs just as customers rein in their spending.

Pippa Wicks, executive director for John Lewis, said it had held off passing on all price rises from suppliers.

Sales of the chain’s Anyday value range jumped 28 per cent, with demand for air fryers – which do not use oil – up 56 per cent as households trim their energy bills.

In finance, it has halved the starting point for interest-free credit to £500.

Ms Wicks added that 85 per cent of John Lewis’s Christmas stock was in the UK, allaying concerns it would be hit by a lengthy strike at the Port of Felixstowe.

But the group warned trading in the final three months of the year was still “highly uncertain”.



HELPING HAND: John Lewis store

Shell chief quits after £78m haul

SHELL has confirmed CEO Ben van Beurden is standing down at the end of the year.

It comes as the oil giant stands condemned for making huge profits on the back of soaring energy prices.

Mr van Beurden, 64, has netted around £78million in salary, bonuses

and extras since taking over in 2014. The Dutchman will stay as adviser to the board until June. Chairman Sir Andrew Mackenzie said: “Ben can look back with great pride on an extraordinary 39-year Shell career.

The company’s gas and renewables chief, Wael Sawan, will succeed him.

Wickes banking on efficiency

WICKES has reported a surge in demand for home insulation in the wake of rocketing energy bills.

Revenues at the DIY chain increased by 1.3 per cent to £822.3million over the six months to July 2, against last year.

David Wood, chief executive, said:

“Sales volumes of home insulation products are up 85 per cent against pre-Covid levels as customers are improving energy efficiency.”

Wickes held firm on its target of a pre-tax profit between £72million and £82million for the current financial year.

UNCOMFORTABLE TIMES AT DFS

Picture: GETTY

SETBACK: Profits plunged at DFS as households cut spending

DFS yesterday revealed a slump in annual profits after cash-strapped households cut back on spending.

The sofa chain said orders “softened markedly”, a trend felt across the sector. Profits fell 43 per cent to £58.5million in the year to July and are set to be hit again this financial year, with orders up to 15 per cent down on pre-pandemic levels.

Chief executive Tim Stacey called it “the most operationally challenging year that we can remember with industry-wide Covid-related supply chain issues, double-digit cost inflation on raw materials and ongoing colleague absence.

“The UK furniture market continues to be challenging and the outlook for the sector remains uncertain.”

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
3i Group	1132	-1	1503½	1059
A.B. Foods	1332½	+4	2131	1321½
Abrdn	144½	+2¼	264	141½
Admiral Group	2262½	+64	3524	1729
Airtel Africa	139		171	93¼
Anglo American	2815½	-36	4170½	2470½
Antofagasta	1151½	-13	1781½	991½
Ashtead Group	4302	+25	6450	3359
AstraZeneca	10130	-22	11440	8063
Auto Trader	6203½	-2	7413¼	499½
Aveva Group	3025	-23	4032	1924
Aviva	442½	+5¼	603	382¼
B&M Europ Value Ret	345	-2	644	341¼
BAE Systems	774¼	+3½	838½	528¼
Barclays	172¼	+2¼	217	140½
Barratt Development	424¼	+17¼	760	406½
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3592	+117	4903	3447
BP	456½	-5¼	466¼	303¼
British Amer.Tob	3435	+29½	3628	2512½
British Land	408¼	+2	556½	406
BT Group	141	+¾	201	135¼
Bunzl	2751	-59	3163	2397
Burberry Group	1729½	-42½	2063	1482
Centrica	81¼	-½	91	50¼
Coca-Cola HBC	1938	-5	2687	1460½
Compass Group	1925½	+18½	1969½	1440
CRH	3089½	+32	4002	2756½
Croda International	6568½	-178	10410	5908
DCC	4835	-61	6486	4750
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	3088	-82	5365	3074
Diageo	3763½		4103½	3343
DS Smith	274½	+2½	458¼	260½
Electrocomponents	1056	+2	1255	812
Endeavour Mining	1656½	-55	2100	1510
Entain	1233½	+31½	2377	1075½
Experian Group	2687	-35	3667	2285
Flutter Entert.	10390	+65	15890	7614
Fresnillo	731¼	-3½	986¼	622½
GlaxoSmithKline	1337½	+5½	2263	1330
Glencore	502½	+8¼	541½	312
Halma	2038	-26	3216	1876½
Hargreaves Lansdown	850½	+14	1598	762½
Hikma	1231½	-10½	2474	1212½
Howden Joinery	569½	-13½	975½	552½
HSBC Holdings	529¼	+10¼	567¼	359¼
Imperial Brands	1912½	+10½	1952½	1486
Informa	552½	+3½	620	464½
InterContinental Htl	4899½	+86	5338	4193
Intermediate Cap.Grp	1218½	+½	2379	1191
Intertek Group	3946½	-19	5782	3873
Intl Consolidated Airlines	108½	+1½	188	103
JD Sports	128¼	+2¼	234	103
Kingfisher	248¼	+4¼	370½	230
Land Securities	618½	-1	813¼	617
Legal & General	263½	+3	307¼	233¼
Lloyds Banking Grp	47½	+1½	55¼	41
London Stock Ex	7802½	-98	8582	6370
M&G	197¼	+1¼	227¼	178¼
Melrose	111¼	-5	183½	107½
Mondi	1473½	+23	1971	1309
National Grid	1034½	-19	1245½	884½

FTSE 100

8am 12pm 4:30pm

7325
7310
7295
7280
7265

MARKET REPORT

THE FTSE 100 ticked-up yesterday following a steep sell-off this week.

Homebuilders rebounded after two sessions where they took a hit, with the sector braced for a tough market amid rising mortgage rates and the cost-of-living crisis.

Barratt Developments was the index’s bigger gainer, up 4.38 per cent – 17.8p – to 424.2p.

Rival Taylor Wimpey was up 4.2p at 107.8p, and Berkeley Group rose 117p to 3,592p.

Oil giant Shell slipped 1.1 per cent – 26.5p – to 2,3144.5p after confirming renewables boss Wael Sawan as its new chief executive.

On the FTSE 250, shares in food packaging firm Hilton Food Group slumped 28 per cent – 266p – to 675p as it warned about annual profits. And e-commerce group THG tumbled more than 18 per cent to 40p after saying it expected annual core earnings would fall short of analysts’ expectations on higher commodity prices.

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
NatWest Group	274¼	+4½	283¼	207¼
Next	5848	+46	8426	5732
Ocado	650	+26¼	1897½	619
Pearson	904½	-¼	923¼	571¼
Pershing Square Hold.	2860½	+60	3115	2330
Persimmon	1452	+31	2883	1420
Phoenix Group	609¼	+6½	701½	568¼
Premier Oil	487½	-9½	530	298½
Prudential	950¼	+12¼	1509	881
Reckitt Benckiser	6372	-82	6808	5391
RELX	2242	-11	2449	2071
Rentokil Initial	522¼	-14¼	636¼	444½
Rightmove	603	-3½	800½	531
Rio Tinto	4770½	-28	6225	4375½
Rolls-Royce Group	76¼	+1¼	147½	71¼
Sage Group	718	-4½	853¼	595½
Sainsbury (J)	201¼	-1¼	306½	197½
Schroders	2586	+40	3871	2544
Scottish Mortgage	843½	+16½	1543½	670½
SEGRO	877½	-12¼	1436½	874½
Severn Trent	2645	-39	3211	2589
Shell	2314½	-26½	2440	1833½
Smith & Nephew	1060	-4	1369	1008
Smiths Group	1520	+1	1629	1355½
Smurfit Kappa	2900	+12	4180	2623
Standard Chartered	10380	-220	17135	9130
Sports Direct	801½	-2	949½	562½
SSE	1735½	-11	1920	1525
St James's Place	1093½	+3½	1731½	1044
Standard Chartered	609¼	-3¼	638½	410
Taylor Wimpey	107¼	+4¼	178	103½
Tesco	232	-5¼	303½	231
Unilever	3969½	+4	4063½	3328
Unite Group	1000½	-17	1207	990¼
United Utilities	1028½	-10½	1176½	968½
Vodafone Group	109¼	+2	139½	106¼
Whitbread	2688	+19	3438	2431
WPP Group	769¼	+12½	1224	725¼

+ BG + Barclays + BT + Centrica + Dixons Carphone + First Group + HSBC + Kingfisher + Marks & Spencer + Next + Prudential + Rolls-Royce + Sainsburys + Tesco + Unilever + Vodafone + Whitbread + WPP

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Aerospace & Defence				
Avon Rubber	.....840½	-34	2106	739
Babcock International	.....321¾	+3¼	380¼	295
BAE Systems	.....774¾	+3½	838½	528¾
Chemring Group	.....289	+2½	367½	256
QinetiQ Group	.....328½	-1¼	394¼	243
Rolls-Royce Group	.....76¾	+1¾	147½	71¼
Senior	.....132	-¼	172¼	113¼
Alternative Energy				
Porvair	.....545	+15	772	500
Banks				
Barclays	.....172¾	+2¼	217	140½
Boo Santander	.....232½	+6¾	291	193½
Close Brothers	.....1038	+11	1575	987
CYBG	.....151½	+2	218	124¼
HSBC Holdings	.....529¾	+10¼	567¼	359¼
Investec	.....387¼	-1¼	536¼	275¼
Lloyds Banking Grp	.....47½	+1½	55¼	41
Metro Bank	.....89	+½	133	70¼
NatWest Group	.....274¼	+¼	283½	207¾
Standard Chartered	.....609¼	-3¼	638½	410
Beverages				
Barr (AG)	.....495	-14	588	466
Britvic	.....770	-2½	949½	741
Coca-Cola HBC	.....1938	-5	2687	1460½
Diageo	.....3763½	#	4103½	3343
Chemicals				
Carclo	.....18		44½	16¼
Croda International	.....6568#	-178	10410	5908
Elementis	.....108¼	-1¼	157¼	97
Johnson Matthey	.....1988	+44	2763	1721
Synthomer	.....167	-6½	524½	166¼
Trealt	.....622	-3	1315	507
Victrex	.....1692	-10	2538	1590
Construction & Materials				
Balfour Beatty	.....339¼	+½	340½	215½
Clarke T	.....137#	+½	182	118½
CRH	.....3089#	+32	4002	2756½
Dialight	.....241	+½	380	233
Galliford Try	.....160		206¼	153¼
Gleason (MJ)	.....490	+26	840	440
Keller Group	.....693	+7	1028	664
Kier Group	.....72½	-3	125¼	68
Kingspan Grp	.....4918#	-108	9323¼	4564¼
Marshalls	.....328½	+8	816	319
Morgan Sindall	.....1634	+8	2600	1624
Severfield-Rowen	.....55#		80½	53½
Smart (J) & Co	.....160¼		161½	129½
Tyman	.....210½	+1	444½	207
Electricity				
Drax Group	.....702#	-9½	831½	438½
SSE	.....1735½	-11	1920	1525
Electronic & Electrical Equipment				
Acal	.....757	+2	1180	597
Halma	.....2038	-26	3216	1876½
Morgan Crucible	.....244	+½	403	239
Oxford Instruments	.....2030	-60	2665	1760
Renishaw	.....3484	-36	5500	3370
Spectris	.....2778	-33	4083	2458
TT Electronics	.....143	-5½	283	142½
XP Power	.....1932#	+42	5540	1798
Equity Investment Instruments				
Aberdeen All Asia	.....560	-12½	820	530
Aberdeen Asian Sml	.....261#	+½	303	245½
Aberforth Sml Co	.....1186	-2	1554	1144
Acom Income	.....564	+9	732	514
Advance Devlpng Fund	.....76		78	74¼
Albion Tech & Gen. VCT	.....49		56	47½
Alliance VCT	.....970#	+2	1078	887
Artemis Alpha	.....294½	-1½	435	292½
Aurora Inv.Tst	.....191½	-8½	250	186
AVI Global Tst	.....188	+1	1110	172
Baillie Gifford Japan	.....743	-3	1100	662
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip	.....155¼	-1	268	131¼
Bankers Inv.Tst	.....101½	-½	125	95½
Baronsmead VCT.2	.....61½		79½	60
BH Macro GBP	.....4650	+15	4870	3470
Biotech Growth Trust	.....1002	+6	1252	753
BlackRock Mining	.....612#	+7	792	502
Blue Planet Intl Tst	.....11½		28½	9
BlueCrest AllBlue	.....239		280½	224
Bluehone Aisl VCT2	.....33		37	33
British Assets Tst	.....99	+2½	103½	95
Brunner Inv.Tst	.....972#	+7	1130	933
Caledonia Inv.Tst	.....3505	-20	4100	3230
City Natural Res.Yld	.....195½	-½	232	133¼
City Of London	.....401	+1½	425	377
Dunedin Ent.IT	.....520		530	416
Dunedin Income	.....286	+4	332	263
Edin Wwde Inv	.....184	+½	335	160¼
Edin.Drgn.Tst	.....432	-1	534	409
Edin.Inv.Tst	.....593	+9	657	573
Edin.US Tracker	.....307	+3	320	267
Elderstreet VCT	.....54½		58½	47
European Ass Tst	.....86¼		147½	83½
F&C Cap&Inc	.....294½	-3¼	343¼	281
F&C Inv Tst	.....869	+12	946	770
F&C Smaller Cos138½	+¾	175½	134½
F&C US Smaller Companies1270	+42½	1525	1085
Fidelity Asian475	+2	499	407

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Fidelity European				
Fidelity European285½	-2	345	267½
Fidelity Special165¼	-1¼	261	143
Fidelity Special	.....264	+2½	315	250
Finsbury Gwth&In	.....823		930	734
Foresight Tech.VCT	.....78½		83	70
Gartmore Euro	.....137½	+4	168¼	127
Genesis E.M.F.	.....598½		878	587¼
Graphite Ent	.....1046	+6	1314	954
Hansa Tst 'A'	.....182½	-2½	219	179½
Hansa Tst Plc	.....186		222	181
Henderson Euro.Tst	.....120½	+2	155½	112
Henderson Far Est	.....284	+1	306½	273½
Henderson High Inc	.....164#	-1½	182½	153½
Henderson Opp Tst	.....1070#		1472½	1012½
Herald Inv.Tst	.....1678	-4	2575	1560
HGCapital Tst	.....375	-5	454	312
HSBC Infrastructure	.....176½	-½	183	161
Impax Env.Mkt	.....429	-½	583	381½
Int.Biotech.Tst	.....671	+1	760	575
International Public	.....162½	-2¼	173¼	155¼
Invesco Asia	.....334	+3	372	311
Invesco Perp UK	.....428½	+2½	634	420
JPM American	.....754#	+13	795	655
JPM Asian	.....363	+1	463½	344
JPM Claverhouse	.....682		785	639
JPM Elect Man Gwth	.....965#	-10	1110	907½
JPM Emerg Mkt	.....105¼	+½	137¼	99¼
JPM Euro Sml Co	.....380	-2½	582	366½
JPM Global Emerging	.....123#	-2	148½	121
JPM Indian	.....852		857	705
JPM Japanese	.....455½	+1	728	412½
JPM Mid Cap	.....865	+13	1502½	830
JPM Overseas IT	.....423½	+1½	474	386
JPM Smaller Co	.....266	+1½	455	252
JPM US Sml Co	.....379	+6	472	341
Jupiter Euro	.....679	-2	891	644
JZ Capital Partners	.....172		199	90
Keystone Inv.Tst	.....212½	+2½	360	174½
Law Debenture	.....719	+3	830	709
Lowland Invest Co	.....119½	+2½	144¼	110¼
Majedie Inv	.....172¼	-¼	243	169¼
Manchester&Lon	.....382	+9	624	335
Martin Currie Pftfo Tst	.....309		433	279
Matrix Inc & Gwth 4	.....80½	-5½	99½	80½
Maven Income And Growth VCT 42	.....47		47	42
Mercantile Inv.Tst	.....182	-¼	283	173¼
Merchants Tst	.....544	+3	587	513
Mid Wynd Int	.....706	+8	860	680
Midas Inc&Gwth Tst	.....163#		191½	161¼
Monks Inv.Tst	.....1035	-4	1450	888
Montanaro Euro Tst	.....120#	-1¼	225½	117¼
Montanaro UK	.....104	-3	180	102¾
Murray Inc.Tst	.....804#	+3	934	770
Murray Int.Tst	.....1234	-8	1320	1076
New India	.....601	-3	660	500
New Star Inv.Tst	.....123		146	123
North Atl.Smlr.Tst	.....3630	+80	4990	3295¼
Northern 2 VCT	.....58		66½	58
Northern Venture	.....61¾		70¼	61¾
Oxford Tech 2 VCT	.....26½		27½	25
Pacific Assets	.....358	+3	371½	295
Pacific Horizon	.....617	-6	948	602
Pantheon Int	.....262		351	240½
Pershing Square Hold	.....2860#	+60	3115	2330
Polar Cap.Tech	.....1968	+8	2750	1778
RCM Technology Trust	.....230½		370	200
RIT Capital Partners	.....2300	+30	2765	2220
Ruffer Investment	.....296¼	+4½	325	283½
Schroder Asia	.....514	-1	614	498
Schroder Inc	.....291½	-3½	317	280
Schroder Japan	.....200¼	+1¾	231	187½
Schroder UK	.....155½	+1½	247	146½
Schroder UK M&S	.....525	+3	778	499½
Scottish American	.....475#	-3½	543	442½
Scottish Mortgage	.....843½	+16½	1543½	670½
Shires Inc	.....255	+2½	284½	233
Shires Smlr.Co	.....249		396½	241
Small Comp Div.Tst	.....170½		234	159
SPARK VCT	.....21		23	20¼
Standard Life Equity	.....320#	+1	380	303
Standard Life UK Sml	.....444	-3	784	442
SVM UK Emerging	.....73½		115½	73½
Temple Bar	.....218½	#	254¼	203½
Templeton Emrg	.....146¼	-¾	184¼	140½
The European Inv.Tst	.....85¼	-¼	164¼	78½
Throgmorton Tst	.....536	-7	1022	533
TR Euro.Growth	.....136	-1	188¼	131½
Tro Prop. IT	.....339	+1	504	339
Troy Inc & Growth Trust	.....70¼	-¼	82½	67¼
Value & Income	.....224½	-1½	274	212
Witan Inv Trust	.....220½	+1½	257	202
Witan Pacific	.....272	+1	417	253
Wwde Healthcare	.....3380	+25	3810	2825
Financial Services				
3i Group	.....1132	-1	1503½	1059
3i Infrastructure	.....332½	+1½	366½	304
Abdn	.....144½	+2¼	264	141½
Ashmore Group	.....221½	+5¾	370¼	192
Brewin Dolphin	.....513		517	266
City Of London Group	.....51½		76	31
Guinness Peat Group	.....57½	+1	81½	55¼
Hargreaves Lansdown	.....850¼	+14	1598	762½
IG Group	.....791½	+4½	857½	648
Intermediate Cap.Grp	.....1218½	+½	2379	1191

SHARES AT A GLANCE				
COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
International Pers Fin				
IP Group	.....95½	+5½	155½	73
Jupiter Fund Man	.....70¾	+1	141¾	66¼
Liontrust Asset Man	.....851	-10	2455	821
London Stock Ex	.....7802#	-98	8582	6370
Lonfin	.....33		41½	33
M&G	.....197¼	+1¼	227¼	178¼
Man Group	.....245	-1	275	178¾
Paragon Group	.....498	+7¼	617½	427¼
Provident Financial	.....181#	-1½	381½	166
Rathbone Brothers	.....1836#	+10	2210	1518
S & U	.....2150	-15	2940	2010
Schroders	.....2586	+40	3871	2544
Schroders NV	.....2210	+50	2625	1732
St James's Place	.....1093½	+3½	1731½	1044
Tullett Prebon	.....168¾	+1½	172½	102½
Walker Crips Group	.....30		34	28½
Fixed Line Telecommunications				
Airtel Africa	.....139		171	93¼
BT Group	.....141	+¾	201	135¼
Telecom Plus	.....1730	-2	2250	1010
Food & Drug Retailers				
Greggs	.....1962#	+3	3416	1804
Ocado	.....650	+26¼	1897½	619
Sainsbury (J)	.....201¼	-1¼	306½	197½
Vesuvius				
Vesuvius	.....346½	-2½	536	284½
Vitec Group	.....1380	-2	1605	1060
Weir Group	.....1491½	-4½	1897	1328½
Xaar	.....210	+5	273	145
Industrial Metals & Mining				
Bodycote	.....525½	-6	945	500
Ferrexpo	.....155¼	+4½	346½	107
Industrial Transportation				
Braemar Shipping Serv	.....292#	-1	340	201
Clarkson	.....2710#	-10	4180	2665
Fisher J & Sons	.....306	+1	880	260½
Ocean Wilsons	.....835	+15	1050	820
Royal Mail	.....250	-1½	526¼	249
Stobart Group	.....4	+¼	16	4
Wincanton	.....336½	+5	424	304
Leisure Goods				
Games Workshop	.....7095	+170	11600	6005
Photo-Me Intl	.....91½	-1	118	56¼
Life Insurance				
Aviva	.....442½	+5¼	603	382¼
Chesnara	.....311#	-3½	325	256½
Legal & General263#	+3	307¼	233¼
Phoenix Group609¼	+6½	701½	568½
Prudential950¼	+12¾	1509	881
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Future1695	-3	3830	1486

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LEVEY STOOD DOWN BY BHA FOR 'MEDICAL REASONS'

SEAN LEVEY became the second jockey within a week to be stood down for “medical reasons” by the BHA. Levey, in line for a £20,000 bonus as the top jockey in the Racing League Series, was taken off his three rides at last night’s final leg of the

By Chris Goulding competition at Newcastle. The 34-year-old, right, had been expected to partner Miss Down Under at Sandown on Wednesday but was stood down by the stewards after he was

understood to have failed a test for a prohibited substance. The BHA declined to comment on the matter. His agent, the former jockey, Sashi Righton said: “Sean has been stood down by the BHA for medical reasons.” Levey has also been

taken off his six booked rides at Newbury today. Last Monday champion apprentice Marco Ghiani was banned from riding at Brighton for medical reasons pending a BHA investigation. Jockeys found guilty of failing tests for prohibited

substances face a six-month ban from riding. Last May new rapid saliva tests capable of detecting the metabolites of banned substances were introduced in weighing rooms. They can produce results within 15 minutes.



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THE SCOUT

1.25 Greycious Anna	3.45 Danzan
2.00 Ramazan	4.20 Do I Dream
2.35 KERINDIA	4.50 Monhammer
3.10 Sandbeck	5.20 Aighear

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1.25 VIRGIN BET FILLIES' NURSERY 2YO	£7,776 (Class 4)	7f 50yds	(13 declared)
1 (3) 3108	IBIZA LOVE (57) (D) (T) H Palmer 9-9	B Curtis	83
2 (11) 551323	MISTY BLUES (8) (T) T Easterby 9-6	D Allan	89
3 (8) 771	● GREYCIOUS ANNA (20) (D) K R Burke 9-2	S James	85
4 (2) 525	PURENESS (63) (T) G Boughey 9-1	D Tudhope	86
5 (9) 63174	IATO'S ANGEL (16) K Dalgleish 8-13	C Rodriguez	86
6 (10) 436422	TRANSFER AFFECTION (13) (D) K Ryan 8-12	T Eaves	87
7 (12) 425214	LADY LAVINA (28) (D) C & M Johnston 8-11	F Norton	88
8 (6) 4322	CAERNARFON (22) (D) M Channon 8-9	C Beasley	84
9 (5) 310502	CLARETINA (15) (F) (T) R Fahey 8-7	C Hardie	86
10 (7) 6535	DAY MEMBER (16) (T) W Haggas 8-7	R Scott	86
11 (4) 7524	GRANNY B (39) (T) J J Quinn 8-7	J Hart	87
12 (1) 972732	SNOW GIRL (11) K Ryan 8-5	S Gray	★91
13 (13) 655463	PLATINUM GIRL (22) (T) T Easterby 8-2	D Fentiman	85

CHEEK PIECES: No. 7, 10.

SP FORECAST: 11-2 Day Member, 6 Claretina, 4 Pureness, Greycious Anna, 8 Misty Blues, Transfer Affection, 10 Lady Lavina, Caernarfon, 12 Others.

2021: No corresponding race.

2.00 EBF NURSERY 2YO	£9,277 (2)	6f	(10)
1 (4) L1015	● RAMAZAN (30) (D,F) (T) R Fahey 9-9	Oisin Orr	89
2 (10) 710513	SHANDY STAR (16) (D) (T) R Fell 9-7	C Lee	88
3 (5) 2618	BRAVEHEART BOY (30) (D) (T) T Easterby 9-5	D Fentiman	89
4 (6) 444302	JM JUNGLE (16) (T) J J Quinn 9-5	J Hart	88
5 (2) 342	REWARD SMILE (22) (T) H Palmer 9-3	B Curtis	84
6 (8) 835135	PRAIRIE FALCON (3) M Dods 9-0	C Beasley	89
7 (3) 4515LL	HONOUR YOUR DREAMS (34) (C&D) (T) A Keatley 8-13	A Mullen	86
8 (7) 822	PREMIER OPTION (23) (T) T Easterby 8-10	D Allan	★91
9 (9) 414321	DON'T FIGHT IT (17) K Dalgleish 8-4	JP Sullivan	90
10 (1) 656	FLYING BARTY (14) K Ryan 8-2	C Hardie	84

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 5, 7.

SP FORECAST: 9-2 Prairie Falcon, 5 Ramazan, 6 Reward Smile, Don't Fight It, 7 Shandy Star, JM Jungle, 8 Premier Option, Braveheart Boy, 20 Others.

2021: Straits Of Moyle 8-7, B McHugh 3-1 Fav (R Fahey), drawn (6), 15 ran.

2.35 HARRY ROSEBERY STAKES (LISTED) 2YO	£20,132 (1)	5f	(12)
1 (9) 16332	BOLT ACTION (18) (D,F) (T) R Varian 9-5	B Curtis	★107
2 (11) 164614	LOOKING FOR LYNDIA (27) (D) K R Burke 9-5	C Lee	94
3 (4) 214228	NEW DEFINITION (13) (T) J Tate 9-5	P J McDonald	97
4 (10) 114	PRINCE OF PILLO (5) (C,D,F) K Dalgleish 9-5	C Rodriguez	98
5 (2) 110558	REMARKABLE FORCE (29) (D) (T) Alice Haynes 9-5	R Scott	100
6 (12) 121337	ROGUE SPIRIT (30) (D) (T) Tom Clover 9-5	Doubtful	87
7 (8) 3	SEANTRABH (12) (T) D Carroll 9-1	H Shaw	87
8 (1) 11857	THUNDER MOOR (27) (D) K Ryan 9-5	D Tudhope	99
9 (3) 5192	CAN TO CAN (27) (D) C & M Johnston 9-0	F Norton	97
10 (5) 1393	● KERINDIA (15) (D) (T) M Bell 9-0	J Hart	104
11 (6) 787114	MISS ATTITUDE (26) (D) (T) M Channon 9-0	C Beasley	99
12 (7) 195226	UNION COURT (9) (D) (T) E Walker 9-0	Oisin Orr	101

VISOR: No. 3 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 5, 8.

SP FORECAST: 9-4 Bolt Action, 7-2 Kerindia, 6 Prince Of Pillo, 7 Union Court, 10 Looking For Lyndia, 12 Can To Can, 14 Seantrabh, 16 Thunder Moor, 20 Others.

2021: Vertiginous 8-12, Paul Mulrennan 17-2 (B Meehan), drawn (8), 13 ran.

AYR: Good-good to soft in places

1.20-CHUZZLEWIT (K Stott, 11-10 fav) 1; Beyond Reachp (18-1) 2; Vortigan (40-10) 3, 14 ran. 1/4, (K Ryan). Tote: £2.00, £7.30, £1.80, ex: £162.90, tr: £4606.50, CSF: £212.16. Non-runners: Billaki Mou, Double Down.

1.50-HI ROYAL (K Stott, evens fav) 1; Power Of Gold (10-3 2nd fav) 2; Reith (4-1) 3, 10 ran. 2/4, hd, (K Ryan). Tote: £3.00, pl £110, £1.40, ex: £57.00, tr: £1370, CSF: £418.

2.25-TRIPLE JAYE (D Allan, 12-1) 1; Refuge (14-1) 2; Lady Lade (25-1) 3; Never Dark (4-1 fav) 4. H'cap 21 ran. 1/4, nk, shd, (T Easterby). Tote: £14.90; pl £310, £3.00, £6.80, £1.70, ex: £276.40, tr: £4168.01, tr: £2408.50, CSF: £164.00. Non-runner: Eternal Halo.

3.00-YORKSHIRE LADY (Joanna Mason, 18-1) 1; Mr Alan (12-1) 2; Fishable (33-1) 3. H'cap 14 ran. 1/4, (M & D Easterby); 3-1 fav Al Mubhir. Tote: £23.20; pl £460, £4.30, £10.70, ex: £329.40, tr: £6925.86, tr: £4006.50, CSF: £219.48.

3.35-MISTY DANCER (R Hornby, 5-2 fav) 1; Smiling Jayne (13-2) 2; My Little Queens (4-1) 2nd fav 3. H'cap 11 ran. 1/4, (S & E Crisford). Tote: £3.50; pl £140, £2.10, £1.70, ex: £20.30, tr: £63.65, tr: £76.60, CSF: £18.50.

4.10-TOMMY 6 (T Marquand, 17-2) 1; Cisco Disco (6-1) 2; Professional Widow (11-4 fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. nk, 3/4, (J Goldie). Tote: £9.50; pl £220, £2.10, £1.30, ex: £56.60, tr: £178.98, tr: £269.50, CSF: £58.64. Non-runners: Dulla Bhatti, Parys Mountain.

4.45-A-BOY NAME IVY (C Beasley, 7-4 fav) 1; Devilwale (9-1) 2; End Zone (6-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. hd, 2/4, (M Dods). Tote: £2.75; pl £120, £2.80, £2.20, ex: £19.90, tr: £77.20, tr: £120.30, CSF: £17.95. Non-runners: Bashful, Shimmering Sands.

5.20-MIN TILL (C Beasley, 16-1) 1; Monhammer (6-1) 2; Flying Pursuit (11-1) 3. H'cap 13 ran. 1/4, nk, (M & D Easterby); 5-2 fav Timbukone. Tote: £20.20; pl £610, £1.90, £3.50, ex: £107.00, tr: £1162.38, tr: £2569.50, CSF: £109.46. Non-runner: Novak.

Placepot: £299.80 Quadpot: £132.40

CHELMSFORD City: Standard

5.00-AMASOVA (C Planas, 15-8 fav) 1; Prince Of Flight (12-1) 2; Super Julius (12-1) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 1/4, nk, (Alice Haynes). Tote: £2.88; pl £130, £1.90, £2.60, ex: £27.10, tr: £219.46, tr: £305.10, CSF: £26.48.

5.30-HE'S A MONSTER (H Doyle, 15-2) 1;

States Of Thunder (33-1) 2; Ghassan (5-1) 3, 9 ran. 2/4, 1/4, (A Watson); 10-11 fav Cartwell House. Tote: £8.50; pl £2.00, £7.30, £1.80, ex: £162.90, tr: £4606.50, CSF: £212.16. Non-runners: Billaki Mou, Double Down.

6.00-HARRY BROWN (H Doyle, 15-8 2nd fav) 1; Radio Goo Goo (11-4) 2; Noah David (8-1) 3, 10 ran. 1/4, 1/4, (D M Simcock); 6-5 fav Appointed One. Tote: £3.20; pl £110, £1.30, £3.20, ex: £9.50, tr: £51.40, CSF: £7.77. Non-runner: Woolampton.

6.30-LUMACHO (D O'Neill, 15-8 fav) 1; Senior Pockets (3-1 2nd fav) 2; Miss Marianne (54-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 1/4, (G Boughey). Tote: £2.88; pl £130, £1.20, £3.10, ex: £8.30, tr: £56.78, tr: £106.00, CSF: £7.44. Non-runner: Oh Sweet Tabu.

7.00-CITY WALK (R Kingscote, 2-1 fav) 1; Digital (17-2) 2; Apollo One (3-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 2/4, 1/4, (S bin Suoror). Tote: £3.00; pl £130, £2.50, £1.60, ex: £20.80, tr: £51.33, tr: £100.80, CSF: £20.46.

7.30-SCHWARTZ (G Rooke, 18-5 2nd fav) 1; Pub Crawl (7-1) 2; Zuba (50-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1/4, 1/4, (R Hughes); 7-4 fav Gordons Aura. Tote: £5.00; pl £170, £2.30, £10.60, ex: £28.40, tr: £1082.15, tr: £975.90, CSF: £28.38.

8.00-LAURENTIA (C Bennett, 12-1) 1; Cloch Nua (13-2) 2; Shabs (4-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 15 ran. 1/4, 6/4, (O Ivory); 7-2 fav Bankawi. Tote: £14.00; pl £420, £2.50, £1.90, ex: £102.90, tr: £377.83, tr: £352.10, CSF: £85.87. Non-runner: Fast Danseuse.

8.30-TRAVESTURAS (H Davies, 7-2 1/2 2nd fav) 1; Janus (10-2) 2; Cavalluccio (20-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. nk, 1/4, (C Follows); 3-1 fav Al Liberty. Tote: £4.70; pl £170, £2.90, £4.60, ex: £43.90, tr: £608.80, tr: £525.10, CSF: £38.06. Non-runners: I Am The Sea, Salonica.

Placepot: £148.90 Quadpot: £91.10

NEWCASTLE: Standard

5.45-TRUE COURAGE (R Dawson, 11-2 2nd fav) 1; Sarcons Risk (2-1) 2; Fair Star (8-1) 3. H'cap 12 ran. nk, 1/4, (M Bell); 2-2 fav Postmark. Tote: £6.50; pl £210, £2.30, £2.50, ex: £39.10, tr: £265.17, tr: £222.50, CSF: £37.96.

6.15-TREGONY (S Osborne, 9-2 fav) 1; City Runner (15-2) 2; White Willow (6-1 2nd fav) 3. Inse Gall (33-1) 3. H'cap 14 ran. 1/4, 1/4, dht, (C Cox). Tote: £2.90; pl £170, £2.40, ex: £43.90, tr: £608.80, tr: £525.10, CSF: £38.06. Non-runners: City Runner, Inse Gall.

2.17-HOUGOUMONT (D Nolan, 11-4 2nd fav) 1; Rez (7-2) 2; Shine's Ambition (9-4 fav) 3, 8 ran. shd,

SCOTTISH SPRINT FILLIES' STKS (LISTED)

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1 (6) 713121	GALE FORCE MAYA (12) (D,S) M Dods 6-9-5	C Beasley ★116
2 (5) 271095	GUILDRED (9) (C&D) K R Burke 3-9-3	C Lee 104
3 (7) 601418	TIPPY TOES (19) (D) C & M Johnston 3-9-3	F Norton 111
4 (1) 165951	MISS NAY NEVER (55) (D) (T) J J Quinn 4-9-2	J Hart 94
5 (10) 43-1862	MO CELITA (9) (D) (T) Adrian Nicholls 4-9-2	B McHugh 108
6 (8) 532135	SOUND OF IONA (9) (C&D) J Goldie 6-9-2	P Mulrennan 100
7 (9) 282856	TENAYA CANYON (20) (D) T E Walker 4-9-2	P J McDonald 105
8 (14) 162249	VENTURA FLAME (13) (D) K Dalgleish 5-9-2	C Rodriguez 96
9 (4) 283419	ALIA CHOICE (20) (D) K Ryan 3-9-0	K Scott 106
10 (12) 13-4175	BARBANERA (20) (D) (T) R Fahey 3-9-0	Oisin Orr 108
11 (17) 30-0578	CORAZON (30) (D) T G Boughey 3-9-0	S James 107
12 (15) 62-7568	ILLUSTRATING (29) (D) K R Burke 3-9-0	D Tudhope 102
13 (2) 211996	LULLABY BAY (12) (C&D) K R Burke 3-9-0	T Eaves 102
14 (11) 710434	MY EYES ADORE YOU (26) (D) J A Slack (RD) 3-9-0	Andrew Slattery 112
15 (13) 131125	PINK CRYSTAL (12) (D) (T) W Haggas 3-9-0	R Scott 102
16 (3) 5-91278	SABLONNE (13) (D) J Harrington (IRE) 3-9-0	C Hardie 110
17 (18) 8-1113	● SANDBECK (30) (D) E Bethell 3-9-0	R Dawson 105
18 (6) 23195	TARDIS (343) (D) M Bell 3-9-0	D Allan 102

VISOR: No. 2 TONGUE STRAP: No. 11 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 13, 16.

SP FORECAST: 9-4 Gale Force Maya, 7 My Eyes Adore You, 8 Tippy Toes, 10 Mo Celita, 12 Pink Crystal, Tardis, Tenaya Canyon, Barbanera, 14 Others.

2021: Dandalla 3-8-12, Ben Curtis 13-2 (K R Burke), drawn (4), 16 ran.

3.45 VIRGIN BET AYR BRONZE CUP HANDICAP

£15,462 (2)	6f	(25)
1 (8) 184567	TIPPERARY TIGER (9) (D) K R Burke 4-9-12	P-L Jamin(3) 86
2 (7) 264718	BALLYEAR (40) (D) L Russell 5-9-11	K Scott 86
3 (16) 05-9450	SUMMER SANDS (43) (D) (T) R Fahey 5-9-11	B McHugh 87
4 (10) 15217	MONSIEUR KODI (15) (C&D) (T) R Fahey 3-9-10	Oisin Orr 85
5 (22) 11-275L	LE BEAU GARCON (12) (T) M & D Easterby 3-9-10	P Mulrennan 84
6 (18) 201667	BLACK FRIDAY (43) (C&D) R M Smith 7-9-10	P Mathers 87
7 (1) 958842	MUSIC SOCIETY (21) (C&D,F) (T) T Easterby 7-9-9	D Allan 90
8 (2) 162424	MATTICE (12) (T) T Easterby 3-9-9	D Fentiman 89
9 (23) 532104	● DANZAN (21) (T) T Easterby 7-9-9	J Hart 88
10 (15) 7-31000	SHOWTIME MAHOMES (40) (D) G Tuer 3-9-8	O Stammers(3) 89

TOTHEINNES (63) (D) K R Burke 3-9-8

INTERVENTION (9) (D) (T) M Appleby 5-9-8(8ex)

THE THIN BLUE LINE (26) (D) K Dalgleish 4-9-7

FAST AND LOOSE (12) (D) K Ryan 3-9-6

BELTANE (28) (C&D) K Dalgleish 3-9-6

CHOOKIE DUNEDIN (13) (C&D) K Dalgleish 7-9-5

GRANTLEY HALL (37) (D) (T) M & D Easterby 3-9-5

JORDAN ELECTRICS (3) (C&D) Ewan Whillans 6-9-5

LATE ARRIVAL (20) (D) (T) M & D Easterby 5-9-5

BEATTIE IS BACK (224) (T) R Fahey 3-9-5

NEVER DARK (1) I Jardine 5-9-4

ADMIRALITY (48) (D) (T) R Fell 8-9-4

VINCE LOMBARDI (22) (D) G Tuer 3-9-4(5ex)

SECRETINTHEPARK (38) (D) R Menzies 12-9-5

BLINKERS: No. 1 VISOR: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: No. 2

CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 8, 9, 12, 14, 21, 25 HOOD: No. 12.

SP FORECAST: 15-2 Music Society, 8 Mattice, 10 Admiralty, The Thin Blue Line,

2021: Call Me Ginger 5-9-9, P Mulrennan 4-1 Fav (J Goldie), drawn (4), 22 ran.

TRACK FACTS: Going: Good. Left Handed. TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2017-22): Paul Mulrennan 16% Strike rate.

FIRST TIME: 235 Thunder Moor (cheek pieces), 310 Lullaby Bay (cheek pieces), Guided (visor), 345 Tipperary Tiger (blinkers), 420 Hear Me Roar (cheek pieces),

Yellow Bear (blinkers), Tone To Rumble (visor), 520 Brazilian Beach (blinkers), BEATEN FAVOURITES: 125 Pureness, Transfer Affection, 235 Miss Attitude, 310 Pink

Crystal(hcp), Sound Of Imagination, 345 Admiralty(hcp), Late Arrival(hcp), Le Beau Garcon(hcp), Never Dark(hcp), Vince Lombardi(hcp), 420 Chinese

Spirit(hcp), 450 Alpine Sierra(hcp), Cobra Kai(hcp), Monhammer(hcp), Retirement Beckons(hcp), 520 Brazilian Beach, Graces Quest(hcp), Valley Of Flowers. DRAW: A

middle to high draw is an advantage in sprint races, low numbers favoured on the round course.

LONGEST TRAVELLER: My Eyes Adore You (3.10) & Sablonne (3.10)

Ireland; Caernarfon (1.25) & Miss Attitude (2.35) 370 miles. STABLE SWITCH: 3.10 Tippy Toes from Charlie U Johnston to C M Johnson.

RESULTS

Runner £34.60, tricast: Tregony, City Runner, White Willow £103.38, Tregony, City Runner, Inse Gall £500.37, tricast: Tregony, City Runner, White Willow £122.70, Tregony, City Runner, Inse Gall £564.30, CSF: Tregony, City Runner £36.84.

6.45-RAISING SAND (S Osborne, 40-1) 1; Light Up Our Stars (14-1) 2; Yasser (11-1) 3. H'cap 14 ran. 1/4, 1/4, (J Osborne); 4-1 fav Menal Bridge. Tote: £48.10; pl £120, £4.10, £4.20, ex: £185.40, tr: £166.44, tr: £166.44, tr: £166.44, tr: £166.44.

7.15-BILLY MILL (S Osborne, 28-1) 1; Eagleway (40-1) 2; Melody Of Life (50-1) 3. H'cap 13 ran. 1/4, shd, (B Millman); 13-8 fav Out From Under. Tote: £31.00; pl £9.90, £1.50, £5.30, ex: £122.640, tr: £136.76, tr: £136.76, tr: £136.76, tr: £136.76.

7.45-NEVER JUST A DREAM (C Noble, 85-40 fav) 1; Glorious Angel (10-1) 2; Cotai Pearl (4-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 2/4, 1/4, (I Mohammed). Tote: £31.3; pl £1.80, £4.00, £1.70, ex: £27.40, tr: £81.86, tr: £165.40, CSF: £24.37. Non-runners: Cuban Rock, Expeditious, Magical Merlin, Yacowulf.

8.15-TEMPLE BRUER (D Muscutt, 9-1) 1; Honky Tonk Man (7-2 cov fav) 2; Lip Speciale (7-2 cov fav) 3. H'cap 14 ran. nk, 1/4, (M Murphy & M Keady); 7-2 covaf fav. Tote: £10.10; pl £3.10, £1.90, £1.90, ex: £59.20, tr: £138.88, tr: £138.88, tr: £138.88, tr: £138.88.

8.45-THE BELL CONDUCTOR (P Mulrennan, 12-1) 1; Swazye (11-1) 2; Faustus (17-2) 3. H'cap 14 ran. 2/1, 1/4, (P Midgley); 7-2 fav Many A Star. Tote: £15.00; pl £5.00, £3.70, £3.50, ex: £174.90, tr: £1228.70, tr: £1378.80, CSF: £140.49.

Jackpot: Not won, pool of £7,822.83 carried over. Placepot: £129,855.80 Quadpot: £1,582.60

PONTEFRAC: Good-good to soft in places

1.42-ROUND THE ISLAND (Mark Winn, 13-2) 1; Magical Effect (16-5 fav) 2; Carlton And Co (11-1) 3. H'cap 15 ran. shd, ns, (Simon Whitaker). Tote: £27.70; pl £2.10, £1.80, £4.20, ex: £36.90, tr: £

SHADES OF 2012:
Hardaker last week



ZAK HARDAKER is getting deja vu about Leeds' surprise title push – spelling bad news for his former side Wigan.

The Super League giants go head to head at the DW Stadium tonight for a place in next Saturday's Grand Final.

Much-fancied Wigan have been in the top two nearly all season and lifted the Challenge Cup.

Rhinos feared a relegation dogfight until Rohan Smith arrived as coach in May. They only confirmed their

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By Dave Craven

play-off spot with a late win against Castleford on the last day of the regular season.

Leeds' stunning surge saw them finish fifth, bringing back memories of when they became the first team to win the Super League from that position in 2011.

They repeated the feat 12 months later – no side has done it since – and England

star Hardaker played in both Grand Final glories. He said: "It kind of mirrors what happened in 2012. There's a lot of familiar processes, like having to go to Catalans and now Wigan. It's weird.

"But you just have to beat whoever's in front of you. We know that. We're excited. The chances of being in this position a few weeks ago were slim.

"To now find ourselves 80 minutes from a Grand Final, the biggest game of the year, you have to think, 'Wow'."

The former Man of Steel makes his first return to Wigan since a bitter parting in April after being dropped.

But now centre Hardaker plans on dumping them out of the competition, and he added: "The pressure's on Wigan. They'll be full of confidence, haven't been beaten at home all season, and have had a lovely week off – and now we're going into their back yard.

"But we toughed it out at Catalans last week. We know we can beat them."

Rowley ready to rock 'n' roll

RELAXED Salford head coach Paul Rowley says his side will simply "rock up" for tomorrow's Super League semi-final against St Helens.

The Red Devils face a tough task to reach Old Trafford – and not only because they tackle the leaders and defending three-peat champions.

Rowley, above, was just four when Salford last

picked up a win at Saints, in 1980, but there would be no better time to break the 39-match hoodoo.

He said: "That sort of stat is not something we'll be discussing. "It's 13 versus 13 on the day. We're just a chilled group of lads, best mates who are going to rock up and play a game of rugby. It's no more complicated than that. It's

easy for us to be down to earth here at Salford because we receive no special treatment."

Unfancied Salford can afford to be relaxed given they are big underdogs. They are without star man Brodie Croft (concussion).

Chris Atkin is likely to replace him, but Rowley was reluctant to say who would come into the 17, only adding: "We might have some surprises." **DAVE CRAVEN**



1.07 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1) 2YO £5,400 (Class 4) 6f (16 declared)

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| 1 (13) 6 | AJJAAJ (21) R Hannan 9.7 | P Dobbs |
| 2 (7) 1 | ALASKAN (32) C Hills 9.7 | R Hornby |
| 3 (16) 74 | DANCE ACCLAIM (20) (F) E J-Houghton 9.7 | C Bishop |
| 4 (11) 46 | DANCING GYPSY (14) J G O'Shea 9.7 | Gina Mangan(5) |
| 5 (9) | EL HABANO W Muir & C Grassick 9.7 | H Doyle |
| 6 (14) 88 | ENGELBERT (20) J Ferguson 9.7 | D Muscutt |
| 7 (1) 260 | KESSAAR POWER (20) J S Moore 9.7 | T Marquand |
| 8 (4) 2 | LAJOOJE (22) (S) Owen Burrows 9.7 | R L Moore |
| 9 (5) 97 | RAJWAAN (28) A Balding 9.7 | D Probert |
| 10 (12) 15 | REFREE (15) R Hannan 9.7 | C Shepherd |
| 11 (8) 6 | TAFFREJ (15) W Haggas 9.7 | J Crowley |
| 12 (10) 1 | TOUGH ENOUGH J Tate 9.7 | Rossa Ryan |
| 13 (2) 3 | VERDANSK (78) C Cox 9.7 | A Kirby |
| 14 (3) 59 | WADI BANI (52) S Durack 9.7 | Doubtful |
| 15 (6) | MANY RIVERS S Kirk 9.2 | D O'Neill |
| 16 (15) | ON THE OTHER HAND J Cox 9.2 | L Keniry |

W-Factor: Lajoje (84); Verdansk (82); Dancing Gypsy (81).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Lajoje, 7-2 Verdansk, 8 Dance Acclaim, 10 Taffree, Dancing Gypsy, 12 Kessaar Power, Ajjaj, 14 Others.

1.43 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 2) 2YO £5,400 (4) 6f (16)

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| 1 (1) 92 | ACAI (15) (F) C Cox 9.7 | A Kirby |
| 2 (2) | BE FRANK H Candy 9.7 | D O'Neill |
| 3 (7) | CALYPSO J Ferguson 9.7 | D Muscutt |
| 4 (9) 84 | DARK TROOPER (28) E Walker 9.7 | David Egan |
| 5 (14) | DROPSKIPDUMPP P Cate 9.7 | S W Kelly |
| 6 (4) 0 | FASTER TREK (20) A Balding 9.7 | D Probert |
| 7 (8) 653 | FIEST (16) G L Moore 9.7 | Rossa Ryan |
| 8 (16) | MUY MUY GUAPD J Boyle 9.7 | C Shepherd |
| 9 (5) 3 | PASPALEY (14) (F) W Haggas 9.7 | T Marquand |
| 10 (12) 2 | SKYSAIL (20) M Trengoning 9.7 | D Costello |
| 11 (13) 4 | STAMFORD BLUE (133) R Hannan 9.7 | P Dobbs |
| 12 (15) | TRILBY G Boughey 9.7 | R L Moore |
| 13 (6) | VECHIO (50) M Meade 9.7 | R Hornby |
| 14 (11) 5 | WHAT A WHOPPER (22) B Meehan 9.7 | H Doyle |
| 15 (6) 87 | GIDDY AUNT (40) J Portman 9.2 | C Bishop |
| 16 (10) 1 | POR TI VOLARE (35) B Barr 9.2 | Josephine Gordon |

W-Factor: Skysail (85); PaspaLEY (81); Acail (80).
SP FORECAST: 3 Skysail, 10-3 PaspaLEY, 7 Acail, 10 Dark Trooper, Fierce, 12 Trilby, CalyPSO, Stamford Blue, 14 Others.

2.18 FILLIES' CONDITIONS STKS (STR) 2YO £9,277 (2) 7f (15)

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| 1 (11) 1 | CRYSTALLUM (22) (D) Tom Clover 9.3 | David Egan |
| 2 (2) | CIARA STORM M Meade 9.0 | J Crowley |
| 3 (5) 324 | ELEGANCIA H & R Charlton 9.0 | D Probert |
| 4 (13) | MAGGIE'S WAY W Muir & C Grassick 9.0 | H Doyle |
| 5 (10) | MARIE LAVEAU M Trengoning 9.0 | D Costello |
| 6 (4) | MISS LIGHTFANDER C Hills 9.0 | D O'Neill |
| 7 (6) | OPERA FOREVER A Balding 9.0 | R Hornby |
| 8 (12) 2 | PEONY (15) E Walker 9.0 | T Marquand |
| 9 (5) | SECRET SOLACE M Trengoning 9.0 | Rossa Ryan |
| 10 (14) | SILVER LADY C Appleby 9.0 | Doubtful |
| 11 (15) 6 | SKALLYWAG BAY (21) R Hannan 9.0 | P Dobbs |
| 12 (1) | SONEMOS K P De Foy 9.0 | D Muscutt |
| 13 (7) | SUNDOWNER E Houghton 9.0 | C Bishop |
| 14 (8) | ULYSSES PRINCESS G L Moore 9.0 | S W Kelly |
| 15 (9) 1 | WYOMING (20) P & C Cole 9.0 | L Morris |

W-Factor: Peony (95); Wyoming (91); Crystallum (85).
SP FORECAST: 5-2 Peony, 3 Wyoming, 11-2 Crystallum, 8 Elegancia, 12 Skallywag Bay, Opera Forever, 14 Others.

2.53 DUBAI DUTY FREE NURSERY (STR) 2YO £6,700 (3) 7f (6)

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| 1 (6) 110 | METAHORSE (29) (D) M Bell 9.9 | David Egan |
| 2 (2) 431 | THE PARENT (21) R Hannan 9.7 | R L Moore |
| 3 (5) 324 | STRAWBERRY BELLE (20) Patrick Owens 9.0 | L Steward |
| 4 (4) 173 | SURELY NOT (50) (D) D F Davis 8.12 | H Doyle |
| 5 (3) 221 | HAUGHTY (34) A King 8.8 | D Probert |
| 6 (1) 705 | DREAM OF MISCHIEF (21) A Perrett 8.7 | L Morris |

W-F: Strawberry Belle (94); Surely Not (91); Dream Of Mischief (90).
SP FORECAST: 5-2 The Parent, 11-4 Surely Not, 7-2 Strawberry Belle, 9-2 Metahorse, 10 Haughty, 12 Dream Of Mischief.

GOSSIP FROM THE GALLOPS

Lambourn: LAJOOJE (1.07 Newbury)
North: GALE FORCE MAYA (3.10 Ayr)
Newmarket: HIGHBANK (3.28 Newbury)
Scotland: FLYLIKEANEAGLE (4.20 Ayr)

NEWBURY RTV

THE SCOUT			
1.07	Verdansk	3.28	HIGHBANK (nap)
1.43	Paspaley	4.03	Shine So Bright
2.18	Wyoming	4.35	Mahrajaan
2.53	THE PARENT (nb)	5.05	Vee Sight

3.28 CONDITIONS STAKES (STR) 2YO £10,308 (2) 1m (4)

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| 1 (1) 421 | CLASSIC (21) (F) R Hannan 9.3 | P Dobbs |
| 2 (3) 1 | HIGHBANK (55) (S) C Appleby 9.3 | R L Moore |
| 3 (2) 6 | ELIGIUS (14) B Meehan 9.0 | H Doyle |
| 4 (4) 332 | STORMBUSTER (28) A Balding 9.0 | D Probert |

W-Factor: Stormbuster (103); Highbank (102); Classic (101).
SP FORECAST: 4-5 Highbank, 5-2 Classic, 7-2 Stormbuster, 50 Eligius.

4.03 DUBAI DUTY FREE STKS (LISTED) (STR) £22,684 (1) 7f (7)

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| 1 (5) 01L | JUMBY (27) (C&D) E J-Houghton 4.9.11 | C Bishop |
| 2 (7) 01L | SALEYMM (15) (D) S & E Crisford 4.9.4 | R L Moore |
| 3 (3) 0-11 | SHINE SO BRIGHT (125) (D) A Balding 6.9.4 | D Probert |
| 4 (2) 252 | TACARIB BAY (13) (D,F) R Hannan 3.9.11 | Rossa Ryan |
| 5 (2) 556 | SACRED (27) (C&D) W Haggas 4.8.13 | T Marquand |
| 6 (1) 1-6L | HEAT OF THE MOMENT (124) J Chapple-Hyam 3.8.10 | H Doyle |
| 7 (4) 66L | SIAMSA (91) (D) R Hannan 3.8.10 | David Egan |

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 5 CHEEK PIECES: No. 4 HOOD: No. 3.
W-Factor: Sacred (123); Shine So Bright (119); Tacarib Bay (117).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Sacred, 4 Tacarib Bay, Jumby, 9-2 Shine So Bright, 5 Saleym, 12 Heat Of The Moment, 66 Siamsa.

4.35 DUBAI DUTY FREE HANDICAP £10,800 (2) 1m 4f (10)

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| 1 (1) 123 | MAHRAJAAN (28) (D) W Haggas 4.10.2 | J Crowley |
| 2 (6) 641 | SAM COOKE (20) (D) R Beckett 6.10.1 | R Hornby |
| 3 (9) 411 | C'EST NO MOUR (259) (C&D) S Hodgson 3.9.13 | T Marquand |
| 4 (7) 036 | MOKTASAB (26) (D) M Knight 4.9.12 | C Shepherd |
| 5 (3) 61-4 | GOLWLA (148) (D) A Balding 4.9.11 | C Hutchinson(5) |
| 6 (5) 1-3L | HASTY SAILOR (107) (D) Sir M Stoute 5.9.9 | R L Moore |
| 7 (10) 0-60 | TORCELLO (76) (C) D S Lycett 8.9.6 | Josephine Gordon |
| 8 (8) 110 | BERKSHIRE REBEL (92) A Balding 3.9.2 | D Probert |
| 9 (2) 129 | KNIGHT OF HONOUR (27) J & T Gosden 3.9.11 | M Harley |
| 10 (4) 513 | WANDERING ROCKS (3) J Fanshawe 3.9.10 | D Muscutt |

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 6, 10 HOOD: No. 10.
W-Factor: Torcello (101); Mahrajaan (100); C'Est No Mour (99).
SP FORECAST: 7-2 Mahrajaan, 5 Sam Cooke, 6 Wandering Rocks, Hasty Sailor, 7 Moktasab, Knight Of Honour, 12 Others.

5.05 DREWETTS HANDICAP £4,671 (4) 1m 2f (20)

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| 1 (20) 61L | DUTY OF CARE (376) J Osborne 4.10.2 | S W Kelly |
| 2 (7) 196 | SKY POWER (95) (D) R Beckett 5.10.1 | Rossa Ryan |
| 3 (6) 110 | FAST MEDICINE (49) P Chapple-Hyam 4.10.0 | C Hutchinson(5) |
| 4 (16) 539 | SET POINT (442) H Palmer 4.9.12 | H Davies(3) |
| 5 (9) 190 | FOUNTAIN CROSS (43) A King 4.9.12 | C Bishop |
| 6 (15) 41-8 | SECRET BOX (27) (D) Sir M Prescott 4.9.10 | L Morris |
| 7 (5) 34-4 | VERTER MEASURE (252) S Kirk 5.9.9 | L Keniry |
| 8 (12) 143 | FEE SIGHT (27) R Beckett 3.9.8 | R Hornby |
| 9 (10) 23L | GROUP ONE POWER (36) A Balding 5.9.8 | D Probert |
| 10 (19) 5-84 | KATTANI (96) (D) M Appleby 6.9.8 | T Marquand |
| 11 (7) 152 | STATELY HOME (99) S Lycett 5.9.7 | Josephine Gordon |
| 12 (13) 100 | ON HERBERTS REIGN (26) R Hannan 3.9.6 | P Dobbs |
| 13 (2) 451- | MUSTAZED (329) (D) C Wall 4.9.5 | H Doyle |
| 14 (18) 614 | ASCENDING (26) (F) C Cox 3.9.5 | A Kirby |
| 15 (8) 12L | ROYAL RIFT (50) B Meehan 3.9.2 | D Muscutt |
| 16 (14) 7-02 | PERSEUS WAY (78) Owen Burrows 3.9.1 | J Crowley |
| 17 (1) 55L | LAWN RANGER (20) (D) M Attwater 7.8.13 | C Shepherd |
| 18 (11) 664 | CARP KID (15) (D) J Flint 7.8.11 | A Keeley(5) |
| 19 (4) 355 | TRAILBLAZER (72) W Muir & C Grassick 3.8.11 | David Egan |
| 20 (3) 017- | WATERLOO SUNSET (323) (D) D Coakley 4.8.10 | G Bass(3) |

TONGUE STRAP: No. 10 CHEEK PIECES: No. 18 HOOD: No. 3.
W-F: Fast Medicine (92); Group One Power (91); Carp Kid (90).
SP FORECAST: 5 Vee Sight, 7 Secret Box, Ascending, 8 Stateley Home, 10 Perseus Way, 12 Kattani, Group One Power, 14 Mustazeed, 16 Others.
TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good. Left Handed. TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2017-22): Jim Crowley 16% Strike rate. TOP TRACK TRAINER (2017-22): R Hannan 12% Strike rate. FIRST TIME: 1.07 Tough Enough (hood). BEATEN FAVOURITES: 4.03 Sacred, 4.35 Mahrajaan(hcp). DRAW: High numbers best in large fields, especially in very soft ground. LONGEST TRAVELLER: C'Est No Mour (4.35) 192 miles. STABLE SWITCH: 5.05 Duty Of Care from Sir M Stoute to J Osborne.

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- 1.35 COND JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE £4,302 (4) 3m 2f 105yds (7 dec)**
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| 1 | 232 | ART OF ILLUSION (24) (F) W Greatrex 5.12.0 | C Quinn(6) |
| 2 | 231 | MR YEATS (11) (C&D) M Harris 5.12.0 | Q Tex) B Harris(8) |
| 3 | 224 | BEN LILLY (81) D Pipe 5.11.13 | F Gillard(3) |
| 4 | 124 | JONY MAX (18) Christian Williams 7.11.13 | E Collier(8) |
| 5 | 31L | ESPINATOR (49) (C&D) A Wintle 8.11.8 | K Brogan |
| 6 | 11L | BALLYMILAN (24) N Mulholland 7.11.7 | T Doggrell(7) |
| 7 | 2PP- | HO QUE OUI (220) Alexandra Dunn 5.11.2 | P Arnsion |
- BLINKERS: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: No. 4 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 2, 6, SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 7.
W-Factor: Mr Yeats (11); Espinator (110); Ballymilan (109).
SP FORECAST: 11-8 Mr Yeats, 4 Art Of Illusion, 5 Ballymilan, 6 Jony Max, 7 Ben Lilly, 14 Espinator, 50 Ho Que Oui.

- 2.10 NOVICES' HURDLE £4,084 (4) 2m 5f 122yds (9)**
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| 1 | 132 | TIGER ORCHID (29) Dr R Newland 7.11.7 | Doubtful |
| 2 | 321 | BAGHEERA GINGE (25) N Tw-Davies 4.11.4 | S Tw-Davies |
| 3 | 12-U | HARLEM SOUL (13) Syd Hosie 4.11.4 | J Best |
| 4 | 51-P | COME ON PADDY MAC (128) Mrs L Young 6.11.0 | M Bastyan |
| 5 | 15-4 | LUNCHABLE BOB (461) P Henderson 7.11.0 | T J O'Brien |
| 6 | F34 | SEPARATE WAYS (74) D Brace 6.11.0 | Doubtful |
| 7 | 92/F | TIME FLIES BY (49) (F) N Henderson 7.11.0 | J O'Neill Jr |
| 8 | F3- | DAN DALY (180) Christian Williams 4.10.11 | J Tudor |
| 9 | 5-P | SANS OF GOLD (137) J Frost 4.10.11 | A Chedeleda(5) |
- CHEEK PIECES: No. 4. SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3, 4, 7.
W-F: Harlem Soul (126); Bagheera Ginge (120); Tiger Orchid (117).
SP FORECAST: 11-8 Time Flies By, 7-4 Bagheera Ginge, 4 Harlem Soul, 16 Lunchable Bob, 20 Others.

- 2.45 TORBAY MEDIA NOVICES' CHASE £6,535 (3) 2m 75yds (4)**
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| 1 | 11L | BYZANTINE EMPIRE (17) (D) F O'Brien 5.12.0 | P Brennan |
| 2 | FIL- | GENI DE LA COUR (153) Syd Hosie 6.11.4 | J Best |
| 3 | 8-12 | MASCAT (F18) Joe Tizzard 5.11.4 | B J Powell |
| 4 | 117 | NOATHIRTYTWOED (F22) A West 6.11.4 | L Edwards |
- TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 3, 4 CHEEK PIECES: No. 3.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 2.
W-Factor: Byzantine Empire (127).
SP FORECAST: 4-5 Byzantine Empire, 15-8 Mascal, 6 Geni De La Cour, 20 Noathirtytwoed.

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THE SCOUT			
4.40	Melfet	6.45	Must Be Royale
5.10	Star Legend	7.15	Pons Aelius
5.45	Menalippe	7.45	Snackracklepp
6.15	Solar Orbiter	8.15	Showman

- 4.40 UNIBET NOVICE STAKES £3,672 (Class 5) 1m (14 declared)**
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| 1 (2) 3-6 | MUTALAAQY (13) A Carlson 4.9.8 | Jimmy Quinn |
| 2 (3) 1 | ANILAM C Appleby 3.9.4 | R Kingscote |
| 3 (3) 0L | ASTRONOMIC (22) Darryll Holland 3.9.4 | J Haynes |
| 4 (7) 4 | CENTRAL HALL (22) S & E Crisford 3.9.4 | J Mitchell |
| 5 (10) 73 | JACK SPAROWE (23) J Butler 3.9.4 | G Wood |
| 6 (3) 5 | MELFET (275) J & T Gosden 3.9.4 | R Havlin |
| 7 (12) 52 | REGAL RAMBLER (22) B Meehan 3.9.4 | G Rooke |
| 8 (4) 9 | ROARING RIVER (27) P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck | 3.9.4 T Hammer Hansen |

BLINKERS: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: No. 3 HOOD: Nos. 5, 8.
W-Factor: Regal Rambler (90); Central Hall (89); Muminamillion (80).

SP FORECAST: 3 Melfet, 10-3 Regal Rambler, 7-2 Central Hall, 9-2 Anilam, 10 Blue Daisy, 14 Pink Haze, Muminamillion, 20 Others.

- 5.10 UNIBET/EBF NOVICE STAKES £5,346 (4) 1m 3f 219yds (11)**
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| 1 (8) | FLOY JOY (J100) S Pearce 6.9.11 | J Haynes |
| 2 (1) 556- | GALILEO IMPACT (462) Sir M Prescott 4.9.6 | T Hammer Hansen |
| 3 (3) 56 | BYKER (49) (F) R Hannan 3.9.4 | S Hitchcock |
| 4 (10) | COURAGE MON AMI J & T Gosden 3.9.4 | R Havlin |
| 5 (6) 73 | STAR LEGEND (16) W Haggas 3.9.4 | S Donohoe |
| 6 (2) 5 | STONKING (21) H Main 3.9.4 | J Bryan |
| 7 (4) 9 | TRADESMAN (49) D M Simcock 3.9.4 | P Cosgrave |
| 8 (5) 95 | WANNABE BRAVE (16) J Fanshawe 3.9.4 | B Sayette(3) |
| 9 (9) 32 | FIREBOLT (32) M Bell 3.8.13 | C Fallon |
| 10 (7) 224 | HAXEMETER (20) R Varian 3.8.13 | J Mitchell |
| 11 (1) 9- | READY TO SHINE (332) S & E Crisford 3.8.13 | R Kingscote |

W-Factor: Hexameter (90); Star Legend (81); Byker (78).
SP FORECAST: 2 Hexameter, 4 Star Legend, 11-2 Courage Mon Ami, 7 Firebolt, 8 Byker, 10 Ready To Shine, 14 Others.
TRACK FACTS: GOING: Standard. Right Handed. TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2017-22): Robert Varian 15% Strike rate. TOP TRACK TRAINER (2017-22): J & T Gosden 23% Strike rate. FIRST TIME: 4.40 Roaring River (hood), 5.10 Floy Joy (wind surgery), 5.45 Loe P Loe (blinkers), Baileys Showtime (blinkers), Classic Order (blinkers), 6.15 Blackbird Power (hood), Lord Street (cheek pieces), 7.15 High Wells (tonque strap), Luttrell Lad (cheek pieces), 8.15 Blenheim Belle (cheek pieces). BEATEN FAVOURITES: 5.10 Floy Joy(hcp hdl), 6.45 Global Warning(hcp), Prenup(hcp), 7.15 Seven Pockets(hcp), 8.15 Goldsmith(hcp), Rose Camira(hcp). DRAW: No advantage. LONGEST TRAVELLER: Pons Aelius (7.15) & Cabinet Maker (7.45) 245 miles. STABLE SWITCH: 5.10 Floy Joy from Joe Tizzard to S Pearce, Galileo Impact from Mitsumasa Nakachida to Sir M Prescott, 6.15 Shin Saw Gyi from A Watson to G Scott, 7.45 Swashbuckler from P Chapple-Hyam to T Lacey, 8.15 Overstate from Tom Clover to M Murphy & M Keady.

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| 4 | 3L | MAIRE'S DREAM (24) O Murphy 5.11.0 | |

Main picture: STEVE WELSH

By David McCarthy

ANDY MURRAY has hit out at tennis scheduling after Britain's Davis Cup clash with the USA in Glasgow ended in front of a half-full Emirates Arena at 1am.

Fans, some of whom had paid £95 for tickets, were unable to witness the conclusion of a terrific contest that ended with Murray and Joe Salisbury losing to Rajeev Ram and Jack Sock in the doubles in three sets after almost three hours.

The win for the Americans gave them a 2-1 victory, which means Leon Smith's GB team have to beat Holland today and Kazakhstan on Sunday to make the quarter-finals in Malaga next month.

Murray says his team are capable of doing that but admitted the 4pm start on Wednesday, followed by three lengthy matches, meant many people were short-changed.

The Scot said: "It would be better if they were earlier for everyone involved. I don't think it's ideal for the fans. That match that we played,

Murray says event's 1am finish is 'unprofessional'



NIGHTMARE: Murray after loss

there were probably half of the people in there at the end of the match that were there at the beginning.

"It's a bit of a shame because they missed a great match. It's not probably because they didn't want to stay. If you have children here, you can't stay with them.

You've got to get a bus or train home. For the ball kids and things like that, it's inappropriate.

"The players are still able to go out and compete. We're still playing really well but it's not ideal for the US team to come back and play the next day. They're probably not going to be tucked up in their beds until 3.30am, 4am by the time they've done their recovery and managed to calm down after a tie like that.

"It's not just here. We've seen it at the US Open. It's something that tennis needs to have a think about. I don't think it looks that professional."

Cam Norrie won his singles match against Taylor Fritz after Dan Evans lost the

opening contest to Tommy Paul on Wednesday.

Murray admitted the sombre atmosphere, with no music being played due to the period of national mourning for Queen Elizabeth II, has given Davis Cup tennis in Glasgow a different feel.

He said: "It is understandable with what's happening this week, but at the change of ends or going on to the court it was quieter.

"The only positive is that usually you lose a Davis Cup doubles match, it can lose you the whole tie or whatever, you're knocked out of the competition."

EMMA RADUCANU had another injury scare in a 7-5 0-6 6-3 second-round defeat by Germany's Anna-Lena Friedsam at the WTA tournament in Portoroz. She took a medical time-out at the end of the first set and had her left thigh strapped but breezed through the second set only to come up short in the decider.

ANDY WANTS EARLY NIGHT

CRITICAL: Murray feels fans have been let down by late finishes in matches



'I'll never forget the epic matches'

FROM BACK PAGE

recorded message on social media.

"I've played more than 1,500 matches over 24 years. Now I must recognise when it is time to end my competitive career.

"To the game of tennis, I love you and will never leave you." The 20-time Grand Slam singles

champion has not played since Wimbledon last year, and a third knee operation has been unable to get him back on court.

Federer paid tribute to the rivals who helped make this century a golden tennis era.

"This is a bittersweet decision because I will miss everything the tour has given me," he said. "I was lucky enough to play so many epic matches that I will never

forget. We battled fairly, with passion and intensity, and I always tried my best to respect the history of the game.

"I feel extremely grateful. We pushed each other and together we took tennis to new levels."

Nadal said: "Dear Roger, my friend and rival. I wish this day would have never come. It's a sad day for me personally and for sports

around the world." Federer lifted the Wimbledon crown eight times and the All England Club tweeted: "Roger, where do we begin? It's been a privilege to witness your journey and see you become a champion in every sense of the word.

"We will so miss the sight of you gracing our courts. All we can say for now is thank you for the memories and joy you have given to so many."



HEAD FED: With one of his eight Wimbledon trophies

WORLD OF SPORT

Midday deadline to rescue Worcester

WORCESTER face a midday deadline today to come up with the money to stage Sunday's game against Exeter or risk being kicked out of the Premiership.

Debt-laden Warriors have been told by the RFU they must prove they have the funds in place and that they will be suspended from all competitions if medics and other safety staff are not paid up.

It is understood if the crisis club fail to come up with the money to

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continue this season they risk their league future. The RFU said in a statement: "The RFU has written to Worcester Warriors to confirm they will

be immediately suspended from all competitions, including the Gallagher Premiership, Allianz Premier 15s and Allianz Cup, if assurances as to the ability to safely hold matches at Sixways Stadium are not provided by 12 noon on 16 September."

ADAM HATHAWAY



GETTING TO GRIPS: Women's freestyle World Wrestling action in Belgrade

THE BIG PICTURE

Also a ton of trouble

SUSSEX'S Tom Alsop led the resistance with an unbeaten century as Worcestershire's promotion hopes in the LV= Insurance County Championship suffered a huge setback.

Alsop's 137 not out helped take Sussex to 312-6, a lead of 94, when the players shook hands with 13 overs remaining.

Worcestershire picked up 14 points but they are 28 points behind second-placed Middlesex with two games to play and will

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almost certainly be in Division Two again next season.

Saif Zaib's first century of the season for Northamptonshire frustrated Surrey's title ambitions as their clash petered out into a draw.

The left-hander, restored to Championship duties for the first time since May, hit 124.

Warwickshire and Somerset's relegation battle on a placid pitch also ended in a draw.

1. Who scored two tries for Argentina in their 48-17 Test win over the Wallabies in August?
2. For which nation did Sarel Erwee make his Test cricket debut this year?
3. Which Briton was the women's gold medallist at the European Triathlon Championships in Munich last month?
4. Which Japanese footballer was Scottish Players' Player of the Year in 2007?
5. Which American city has a basketball team known as the Rockets?
6. In what month do the annual Isle of Man TT races usually take place?
7. Which Indian city hosted its first Formula One Grand Prix in 2011?
8. Who was the victorious European Ryder Cup captain at the 2014 competition at Gleneagles?
9. In which sport was Australia's Robert Fahey world champion from 1994 to 2016?
10. What name is given to the weakest part of a fencing sword's blade?

10 to tackle
RATINGS
0-3 Oh dear
4-6 Small beer
7-9 So near
10 Sporting Seer

ANSWERS: 1 Thomas Gallo, 2 South Africa, 3 Non Stanford, 4 Shunsuke Nakamura, 5 Houston, 6 June, 7 New Delhi, 8 Paul McGinley, 9 Real tennis, 10 Foible.

SPORT IN BRIEF

UEFA Europa League

Group E

SHERIFF (0).....	0	MAN UTD (2).....	2
Sancho 17		Ronaldo 39 (pen)	

R SOCIEDAD (1).....	2	OM NICOSIA (0).....	1
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P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Sociedad	2	2	0	0	3	16
Man Utd	2	1	0	1	2	13
Sheriff	2	1	0	1	3	23
Omonia Nicosia	2	0	0	2	1	50

Gp A: Bodo/Glimt 2 Zurich 1. **Gp B:** Dynamo Kiev 0 AEK Larnaca 1, Rennes 2 Fenerbahce 2. **Gp C:** Real Betis 3 Ludogorets 2, Roma 3 HJK 0. **Gp D:** Braga 1 Union Berlin 0, Union Saint Gilloise 3 Malmo FF 2. **Gp F:** FC Midtjylland 5 Lazio 1, Feyenoord 6 Sturm Graz 0. **Gp G:** Karabakh 3 Nantes 0, Olympiacos 0 Freiburg 3.

Gp H: Monaco 0 Ferencvaros 1, Trabzonspor 2 Red Star Belgrade 1.

Europa Conference League

Group A

RIGAS FS (0).....	0	HEARTS (1).....	2
Shankland 43 (pen)		Forrest 90	

ISTANBUL BASAK (0).....	3	FIORENTINA (0).....	0
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P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Istanbul Basaksehir	2	2	0	0	7	06
Hearts	2	1	0	1	2	43
Rigas FS	2	0	1	1	1	31
Florentina	2	0	1	1	1	41

ISTANBUL BASAKSEHIR.....	2	2	0	0	7	06
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Hearts.....	2	1	0	1	2	43
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Rigas FS.....	2	0	1	1	1	31
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Florentina.....	2	0	1	1	1	41
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Group B

SILKEBORG (1).....	2	WEST HAM (3).....	3
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Kusk 5		Lanzini 13 (pen)	
Tengstedt 75		Scamacca 25	
		Dawson 38	

FCSB (0).....	0	ANDERLECHT (0).....	0
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P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	2	2	0	0	6	36
Anderlecht	2	1	1	0	1	04
FCSB	2	0	1	1	1	31
Silkeborg	2	0	0	2	2	40

Gp C:	Hapoel Beer Sheva 1 Villareal 2, Lech Poznan 4 Austria Vienna 1.
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Gp D:	Cologne 4 Slovac 2, Partizan Belgrade 1 Nice 1. Gp E: AZ 4 Vaduz 1, Apollon Limassol 1 Dnipro 3. Gp F: Djurgarden 3 Molde 2, Gent 3 Shamrock Rovers 0. Gp G: CFR Cluj 0 Slavia Prague 3 Ballkani 2. Gp H: FK Zalgiris Vilnius 0 Basel 1, Pyunik 2 Slovan Bratislava 0.
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LV County Championship - Division One

(Day 4 of 4)

Northamptonshire v Surrey

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (14pts) drew with Surrey (16pts)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

339 (Gay 145, Keogh 123, Roach 5-95)

SURREY: First Innings 421 (Amla 133, Curran 115, Keogh 4-51)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Second Innings

(Overnight 209-5)

R Vasconcelos lbw Worrall	79
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S Zaib c Curran b Patel	124
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J Sales b Worrall	22
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L Williams lbw Roach	30
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B Sanderson b Steel	12
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C White not out	5
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B4 lb18 w2 nb14	38
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Total (121.2 overs)	426
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Fall: 15, 47, 72, 114, 161, 288, 316, 387, 412.		
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Bowling: Roach 22-6-45-1, Worrall 21-3-69-3, Atkinson 17-2-73-1, Clark 18-1-54-1, Curran 11-4-25-0, Steel 26-2-1-104-3, Patel 6-0-34-1.		
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SURREY: Second Innings

R Burns run out	1
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R Patel not out	32
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H Amla not out	8
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B2 lb1 nb4	7
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Total (1 wkt., 20.3 overs)	48
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Fall: 6.		
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Bowling: Sanderson 4-2-3-0, White 5-3-2-0, Keogh 6-3-3-7-0, Williams 5-1-33-0.		
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Umpires: G Lloyd & P Hartley.		
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Warwickshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (11pts) drew with Somerset (12pts)

SOMERSET: First Innings 219

(Gregory 60, Khan 53no, Siraj 5-82)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 196

(Hain 67, Brooks 4-40)

SOMERSET: Second Innings

(Overnight 277-4)

G Bartlett b Briggs	111
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L Goldsworthy b Brooks	44
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J Rew lbw Yadav	22
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L Gregory not out	10
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J Davey not out	4
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B4 lb6 w12	22
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Total (7 wkts., dec 121 overs)	340
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Fall: 0, 7, 86, 158, 278, 307, 322.		
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Bowling: Hannon-Dalby 22-10-45-1, Siraj 16-8-32-1, Yadav 37-6-95-2, Briggs 22-5-75-2, Brooks 20-1-74-1, Rhodes 4-2-9-0.		
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WARWICKSHIRE: Second Innings

R Yates lbw Khan	11
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D Sibley c Davey b Aldridge	54
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A Davies c Goldsworthy b Aldridge	58
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S Hain not out	52
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W Rhodes b Brooks	44
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M Burgess lbw Brooks	0
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J Yadav run out	8
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D Briggs not out	17
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B3 lb7 nb2	12
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Total (6 wkts., 74 overs)	256
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Fall: 30, 125, 132, 220, 220, 233.		
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Bowling: Davey 10-0-49-0, Gregory 19-3-50-0, Khan 18-0-77-1, Brooks 13-3-28-2, Aldridge 12-0-39-2, Lammonby 1-0-3-0, Abell 1-1-0-0.		
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Umpires: N Mallender & J Middlebrook.

Leicestershire v Durham

(Grace Road): Leics 202 (Budinger 64; Potts 6-52) and 198 (Kimber 75; Potts 7-49). Durham 296 (Jones 97, Maddinson 56) and 108-3 (Jones 50). Durham (21pts) beat Leics (4pts) by 7 wickets.

Middlesex v Glamorgan

(Lord's): Glamorgan 214 (Cooke 52; F Higgins 4-59) and 220 (Lloyd 70; Roland-Jones 5-61). Middlesex 390 (Stoneman 128, Simpson 76, Hollman 58; Harris 5-90) and 45-0. Middlesex (23pts) beat Glamorgan (4pts) by 10 wickets.

Sussex v Worcestershire

(Hove): Sussex 220 (Carson 58, Coles 54, Hudson-Prentice 51; Leach 4-37) and 312-6 (Alsop 137no, Carter 55). Worcs 438-5dec. (Libby 215, Pollock 98). Sussex (10pts) drew with Worcs (16pts).

THIRD TWENTY20 INTERNATIONAL—England Women v India Women

(Bristol): India 122-8 (20.0 overs). England 126-3 (18.2 overs). England beat India by 7 wickets.

GOLF

DS AUTOMOBILES ITALIAN OPEN

(Rome)—1st Rnd (suspended due to darkness, Gbr & Irl unless stated): 67 R McIlroy, A Arnau (Spa), A Rozner (Fra), S Jamieson, E Pepperell, G Green (Mal), 68 N Hoegaard (Den), O Bekker (Rsa).

TENNIS

WTA SLOVENIA OPEN (Portoroz)—2nd rnd:

A Friedsam (Ger) bt (1) E Raducanu (Gbr) 7-5 0-6 6-3, K Siniakova (Cze) bt J Burrage (Gbr) 7-5 6-1, J Paolini (Ita) bt K Juhan (Slo) 5-7 6-2 7-6 (7-5).

WTA CHENNAI OPEN (India)—2nd rnd:

K Swan (Gbr) bt A Gasanova (Rus) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2.

TODAY'S DIARY

Premier League

Aston Villa v Southampton (8pm) (Live on Sky Sports Main Event)

Nottingham Forest v Fulham (8pm)

FA Women's Super League

Arsenal v Brighton (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League Semi-Final: Wigan v Leeds (8pm).

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United Championship (7.35): Benetton Treviso v Glasgow (5.30).

CRICKET: SKIPPER RELISHES PAKISTAN RETURN

BUTTLER'S MEN BACK TO HELP LIFT SPIRITS

JOS BUTTLER insisted it felt “great to be back” in Pakistan after England ended their self-imposed 17-year absence and marked his squad’s arrival with a donation to the flood disaster appeal.

The England captain struck the perfect note with a collective donation from his squad to the country’s emergency flood appeal – thought to be into five

By Gideon Brooks

figures and set to be matched by the ECB. It was a gesture warmly received at his opening press conference in Karachi and earned the skipper a generous round of applause from those present.

Buttler expects a more hostile welcome on the pitch and in the

stands during a seven-match series but insisted that will be perfect to get his side “battle-hardened” for next month’s T20 World Cup in Australia.

England’s return to Pakistan has been a long time in the making. Concerns over security and terrorism have kept them away but England were due to tour last year only to pull out at the last minute – a decision that rightly angered the Pakistan Cricket Board.

Buttler, who hopes to be fit for the tail end of the tour if he recovers from a calf muscle injury, maintained there was excitement in the camp having finally returned.

And he hoped some good cricket would provide a ray of light after flooding devastated more than a million homes and claimed more than 1,000 lives.

Buttler said: “It’s great to be back as an

England cricket team after a long time.

“We know the tough times the people of Pakistan are facing at the moment with the floods and we hope us being here can uplift that a little bit and raise spirits by seeing us play cricket.”

The England captain picked up his injury in The Hundred but is on tour to lead the group and work towards full fitness ahead of the T20 World Cup.

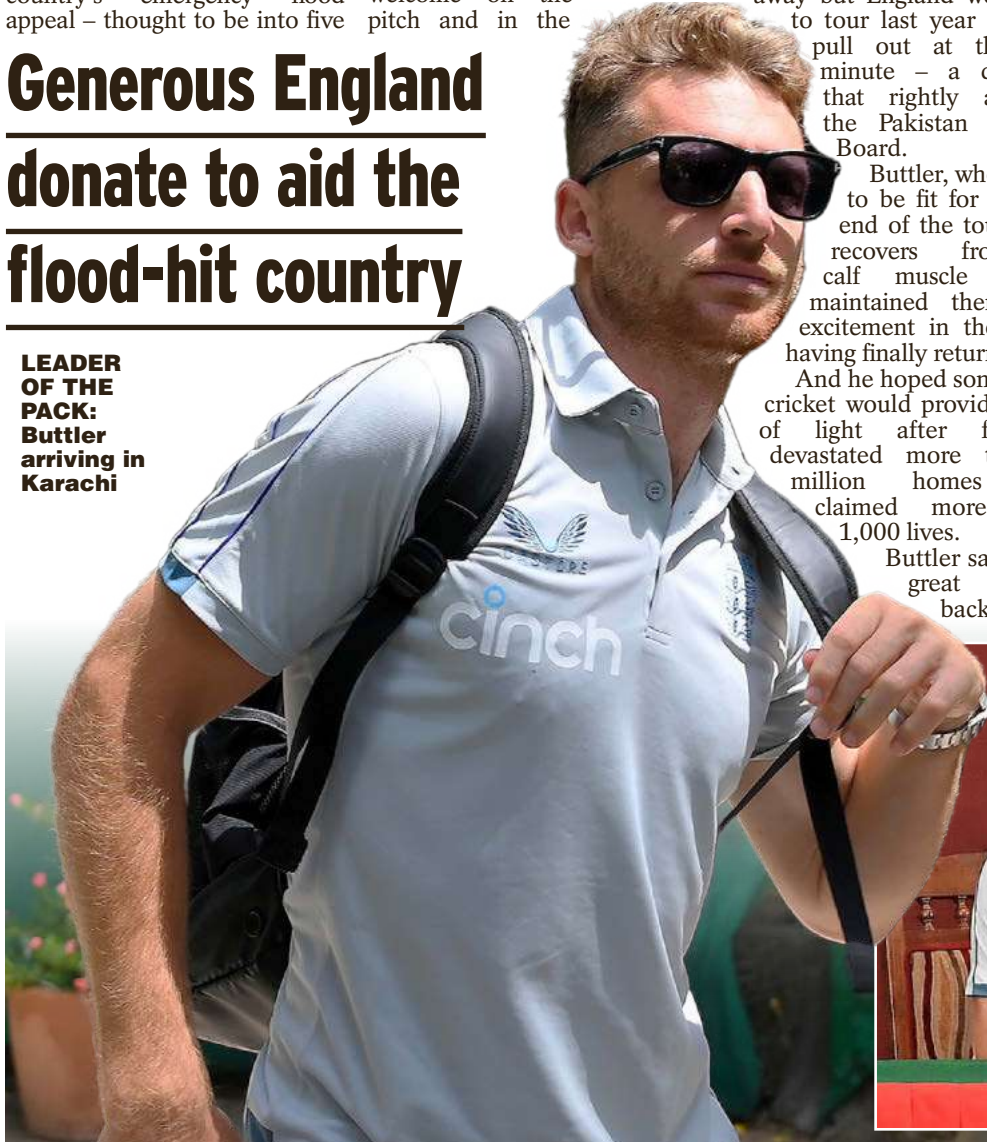
He hopes that a tough series will bring his side to the boil for that event after a challenging summer of white-ball action.

“We’re in a bit of a unique situation, with a few guys who are injured, but will be fit in time for the World Cup,” said Buttler. “The main aim is to turn up to Australia fully ready to go. But Pakistan are very strong and I’m looking forward to being very battle-hardened for the World Cup after a tough seven-match series.”

England play four T20s in Karachi (September 20, 22, 23, and 25) and three in Lahore (September 28, 30 and October 2) starting at 3.30pm and live on Sky Sports.

Generous England donate to aid the flood-hit country

LEADER OF THE PACK: Buttler arriving in Karachi



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Sport hails Eddie ‘the voice’

EDDIE BUTLER, the BBC broadcaster and former Wales captain, has died aged 65.

Butler, below, passed away in his sleep on a hike in Peru in aid of cancer charity Prostate Cymru after a career during which he earned 16 Wales caps and represented the 1983 British & Irish Lions before moving to television and newspapers.

He formed a double act with ex-England hooker Brian Moore on the BBC’s Six Nations coverage as well as becoming a go-to voice-over man for sporting events. Moore said: “Sport has lost an iconic voice, I have lost a very dear friend. Goodbye Edward.”

Sam Warburton, the former Wales captain who worked in TV with Butler, said: “What an amazing contribution to rugby and

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By Adam Hathaway

broadcasting. A privilege to have played and co-commentated with his voice.”

World Rugby chairman Sir Bill Beaumont, the former England captain who played against Butler, said: “Captain of Wales and a superb player, he was also a true gentleman. I am deeply shocked.”

A Cambridge graduate, Butler came to prominence playing for the hard-nosed Pontypool team coached by Ray Prosser in the 1970s before being capped for Wales in 1980. He retired from playing in 1990 but, by then, had a foot in the door with journalism and became rugby correspondent of The Observer.



Main picture: HARRIET LANDER

By Mike Walters

LIONESSES captain Leah Williamson cannot wait to surf the wave of England's Euro 2022 triumph as the Women's Super League season kicks off tonight.

Williamson and her Arsenal teammates suffered WSL heartbreak on the last day of term in May, pipped to the title by Chelsea.

The Gunners open the delayed 2022-23 campaign against Brighton with the England skipper saying: "That Euros fever is still very much alive and I hope people are not just going to switch off."

Switch off? No chance – all the vital signs of growth are sprouting like the first spiders of autumn.

If performing on a Tuesday night in Stoke is English football's yardstick of competence, the Lionesses lived up to the challenge with a 10-0 mauling of Luxembourg on their homecoming in front of 24,000 fans last week.

And Manchester City midfielder Keira Walsh's world-record £400,000 move to Barcelona the following day was a telling downpayment of serious money moving into the women's game.

Now Williamson wants to transplant the feel-good factor into Arsenal's pursuit of domestic glory.

After lifting the Euros trophy at Wembley in July, she said: "A day hasn't gone by when I haven't thought about it, and I'm dreading the day when I don't think about it at least once."

"I'm a big softie, I like fairy-tale endings and you couldn't really have written it much better."

"Going from the highest of highs back into normal life, I had some plans to deal with my emotions around it, and luckily for me I play for a club that I love, so coming back here doesn't feel like a day at work."

"But I am expecting a roller-coaster of emotions at different points. It's nice when people in the street recognise you, or do a double-take, because what we've always wanted is to grow the game and the attention we're all getting has gone up a fair bit."

"Where the measurement will be greatest is the attendances and viewing figures on TV – that's how the sport makes its money. If people aren't interested, you are fighting a losing battle, but we have proved people are interested and they do

Williamson's still got the Euros fever

LEAH: KEEP THE BUZZ GOING

want to watch us. Last season it went down to the wire and we missed out by the finest of margins, it hurt me a lot.

"In the summer, the closer we got to the final, the more you realised that if it's not successful, you have to do it all over again to get a shot at lifting the trophy."

"That's given me a little bit of fire back in my belly, and once you've got a taste for winning, you want more."

"Before the final, I spoke about coping with the big occasion. I was happy with how I handled the pressure, and starting a new season will be another test."

Arsenal's line-up will include England's player of the tournament and Euro 2022 leading scorer Beth Mead, with Gunners head coach Jonas Eidevall saying: "Beth

brought the same intensity to the Euros as she had been doing with us. Now she brings the same intensity back to Arsenal again."

● *Arsenal v Brighton, Women's Super League, kick-off 7.30pm, Boreham Wood FC. Watch on the FA Player.*

GLORY: Williamson with Euros trophy and, below, with Mead



Foster: Daddy's home to stay

FORMER England goalkeeper Ben Foster has retired.

The 39-year-old left Watford at the end of last season and has brought to an end a career spanning almost two decades.

Foster, right, was capped eight times by England, having joined Manchester United from Stoke aged 22. He played 23 times for United, winning



the League Cup twice. He went on to play for Birmingham and West Brom, then joined Watford in 2018.

He announced his retirement on his YouTube channel, adding that he turned down a move to Newcastle last week. "Deep down I didn't want to do it [join Newcastle]," he said. "To be so far away from my family, it would kill me."

Coutinho fighting his way back to best says Gerrard

STEVEN GERRARD says Philippe Coutinho is pushing for a recall tonight after rolling up his sleeves.

Head coach Gerrard has used Coutinho off the bench in the past two games after Aston Villa's poor start to the season.

It has contributed to the 30-year-old, below, losing his place in the Brazil squad to take on Ghana and Tunisia this month ahead of the World Cup.

But Gerrard, who played with Coutinho at Liverpool, said: "He has had his strongest week. I think that is a combination of coming out of our team and coming out of the Brazil squad."

"He is sleeves up at the moment and we have seen that in training this week. He has been the top performer by

ASTON VILLA v SOUTHAMPTON 8PM, SKY

some distance." A fightback to hold Manchester City 1-1 in their previous game has given Gerrard breathing space.

Meanwhile, Southampton manager Ralph Hasenhuttl has told Ainsley Maitland-Niles that the Arsenal midfielder needs to learn new skills to prosper at Saints.

Maitland-Niles, 25, joined the club on a season-long loan on transfer deadline day, and Hasenhuttl said: "He is

a very good player on the ball, but he has to learn that our game starts when the ball is not with us. It's something he has never needed to do at the clubs he was playing at but, in our football, this is a very crucial part."

JAMES NURSEY



FULHAM'S RAW DEALS A LESSON FOR FOREST

FULHAM'S infamous summer transfer dealings four years ago offer the clearest cautionary tale for Nottingham Forest.

However, Cottagers head coach Marco Silva insists it is the job of any boss to ensure new players adapt and settle quickly.

The two clubs facing off tonight locked horns last season in the Championship and Forest have since splashed out £145million on 22 players. The Cottagers spent £100m in 2018, yet under Slavisa Jokanovic they never gelled and a shambolic campaign ended with relegation.

Silva, right, acknowledged the scale of the task facing Forest head coach Steve Cooper, saying: "It was their decision to do it, by the board and the manager. The number of new players

NOTTINGHAM FOREST v FULHAM 8PM

is really big but they felt it was the right moment to do it. It is our job as managers to help settle the players that come in. We have it here with our players as well, some are not 100 percent adapted for our ideas and it will take more time, but it is part of the job."

Cooper insists the "only thing" on his mind is helping Forest climb the table after being linked with Brighton.

He said: "Everyone who knows me knows what working for Nottingham Forest means to me and how important it is, especially after losing a couple of games. "It matters more to me. That is the only thing on my mind, the job I am doing here on a daily basis."

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FOOTBALL LATEST

● **CELTIC** face disciplinary action over an anti-monarchy banner displayed during their Champions League match against Shakhtar Donetsk in Warsaw on Wednesday night. Rangers however, will not be punished for singing the national anthem before their game.

● **LEEDS** boss Jesse Marsch has been given a one-match touchline ban and fined £10,000 for an altercation with officials during his side's 5-2 defeat at Brentford on September 3.

● **JOHN SHERIDAN** will step down from his role as Oldham head coach following the home game against Eastleigh tomorrow. The former Oldham midfielder had returned in January but could not prevent the club from dropping out of the English Football League after a 115-year stay.

Rodgers: It's time to show true grit

BRENDAN RODGERS says there is no hiding place for Leicester after their horror start, insisting: "Talent alone won't be enough."

The Foxes are rock bottom heading into tomorrow's trip to Tottenham.

A 5-2 trouncing at Brighton last time out made it five league defeats in a row.

Rodgers said: "There's clearly been a lot of noise. That's what happens when you don't win and you have to accept that – the critics will be there."

"My job is to keep the spirit of the

SLUMP: Rodgers' side are bottom

By **Brendan McLoughlin**

team – keep them fighting. You can't be timid.

"We have a number of games between now and the World Cup and talent alone won't be enough – you have to be able to dig in and show grit. It's only the start of the season."

It is the first time Rodgers has found his job under scrutiny since he was at Liverpool.

They sacked him but Rodgers added: "I think that experience really helps you. I was a young manager back then. I feel really at home here."



SHERIFF	0
MAN UTD	2

By **David Anderson**

MOLDOVA'S vineyards stocked the Kremlin's wine cellar in the days of the former Soviet Union and, although this was not vintage Manchester United, normal service was resumed.

Erik ten Hag billed it a must-win game after United's home defeat by Real Sociedad and his team duly delivered in Chisinau.

They did so without needing to get out of second gear and their European campaign is now up and running.

Ten Hag showed his intent by making five changes to field his strongest available side, which meant Harry Maguire and Luke Shaw were benched on the same day they were called up by England's Gareth Southgate.

Southgate overlooked Jadon Sancho for his latest squad and the in-form winger responded by opening the scoring for United with his third goal of the season.

Diogo Dalot and Christian Eriksen also shone as United did what they had to do.

Cristiano Ronaldo's penalty was his first goal of the season and the 699th of his club career. Throw in a third clean sheet of the

Jadon's goal a perfect reply after snub from Southgate

campaign and Ten Hag was a contented man as he boarded the flight back to Manchester.

Sancho sparked the visitors into life with his 17th-minute goal after a sluggish start during which Sheriff, who have won the past six Moldovan titles, were arguably the better team.

Eriksen has made such a difference to United's creativity and he fed Sancho, who expertly turned inside on to his left foot to shoot in off the post. The goal lifted his side and they twice went close to a second.

Ronaldo, above, failed to hit the target from Antony's quick free-kick and Stjepan Radeljic made a superb goal-line clearance to keep out another effort from Sancho.

The Red Devils scored a second six minutes before half-time when Patrick Kpozoz made a rash challenge on Dalot.

There was only one player who was going to take the spot-kick and up stepped Ronaldo to drill it

home. Sheriff, though, had their moments and Mouhamed Diop shot just over following Tyrell Malacia's misplaced pass while Iyayi Atiemwen went close with a drive and a free-kick.

United switched to cruise control in the second half, with Maksym Koval making a fine instinctive save to keep out Bruno Fernandes' strike.

Sheriff, who famously beat Real Madrid in the Bernabeu last season, refused to lie down and Ibrahim Rasheed saw a lob drop just the wrong side of the crossbar.

For all of the home team's endeavour, they did not get a shot on target until the 75th minute, David De Gea plucking Cedric Badolo's effort out of the air.

With the game won, Ten Hag sent on club captain Maguire with one minute of normal time remaining and it looks like the England defender could find starts hard to come by ahead of the World Cup in November.



Winger fights for his place

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the targets. It's unfortunate I didn't get the call-up, but I just have to focus and keep working hard week in, week out. I have to make sure I'm ready."

Ten Hag was delighted for Sancho. "I'm really pleased for him," said the United manager. "It's another goal for him – his third of the season."

"So he's doing well but there is more room for improvement because he has so much skill."

Maguire's starting prospects look grim ahead of the World Cup – Ten Hag praised centre-half pairing Raphael Varane and Lisandro Martinez for helping United keep another clean sheet.

"We defended very well with Varane in there as the leader – he puts everyone in the right position and he fits well with Lisandro Martinez," added Ten Hag.

"It was a difficult start, but after we found a better formation we scored a great goal and dictated."



NOT YOU AGAIN? Scamacca celebrates last night

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
WEST HAM	2	2	0	0	6
ANDERLECHT	2	1	1	0	4
FCSB	2	0	1	1	1
SILKEBORG	2	0	0	2	0

Luckless Danes

GIANLUCA Scamacca grabbed his third Europa Conference League goal of the campaign to rescue West Ham.

The £30million Italian blasted the Hammers ahead after an early scare – and some terrible refereeing – against the Danes.

Scamacca fired in a power drive from 20 yards after Maxwell Cornet won the ball

SILKEBORG IF 2 WEST HAM 3

and fed his strike partner. Silkeborg took a dream lead after just five minutes. Jasper Kusk was given the freedom of the penalty area to side-foot home from 16 yards.

David Moyes' men were back in it on 11 minutes when Cornet went down softly under Tobias Salquist's tackle. Referee Fabio Verissimo

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SANCHO SHOOTs DOWN SHERIFF

RATINGS

BY DAVID ANDERSON

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SHERIFF (4-3-3)

Koval	7
Zohouri	6
Kiki	6
Radeljic	7
Kpoz	4
Badolo	5
Kyabou	5
Diop	6
Rasheed	6
Atiemwen	7
Ouattara	6

SUBS

Vizeu (Rasheed 73)	5
Pernambuco (Ouattara 73)	5
Mudasiru (Atiemwen 81)	

MAN UNITED (4-2-3-1)

De Gea	6
Dalot	7
Varane	6
Martinez	6
Malacia	5
McTominay	7
Eriksen	7
Antony	7
Fernandes	7
Sancho (GOAL 17)	8
Ronaldo (GOAL 39 pen)	7

SUBS

Casemiro (McTominay 46)	6
Shaw (Dalot 70)	6
Elanga (Ronaldo 81)	
Garnacho (Antony 90)	
Maguire (Martinez 90)	

SHERIFF T v MAN UTD

32	POSSESSION %	68
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
7	SHOTS OFF TARGET	4
2	BLOCKED SHOTS	0
2	CORNERS	4
14	FOULS	12
2	YELLOW CARDS	0
0	RED CARDS	0

Source: Opta



MAN OF THE MATCH

JADON SANCHO – His goal sparked United into action

HOW THEY STAND

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MAN UTD	2	1	0	1	3
SHERIFF T	2	1	0	1	3
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SWEET STRIKE

Sancho puts Manchester United in front with a left-foot drive after 17 minutes

Conte says Bissouma has to learn value of defending

By Matthew Dunn

ANTONIO CONTE has told Yves Bissouma that he needs to pay more attention to defensive duties if he wants to force his way into the Tottenham team.

The club paid Brighton £25million for the 26-year-old but he has made just one start and seen less than two hours of top-flight action this season.

Manager Conte is not impressed with his price tag and will keep Bissouma in the background until he learns the ropes.

The Italian said: "With the ball he is really good, defensively he has to pay more attention because especially we only have two midfielders and they have to be good with the ball and without the ball. But

I'm really happy with his signing, if you compare other midfielders I have seen that other teams spent £60m, £70m, £50m on.

"I think that we spent the right money.

"But it doesn't matter if you spend money, you need to have players who go into our idea of football.

"The midfielder is a specific role for us, with the ball and without.

"It's not simple – I ask for some moments, some

STUDY:
Bissouma needs to learn

positions. They have to be a point of reference.

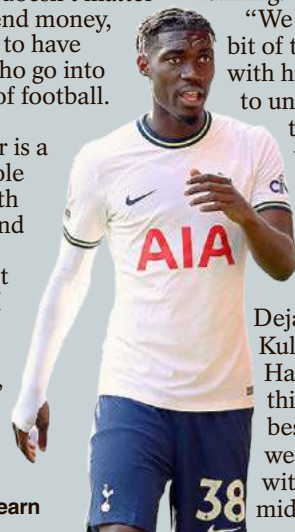
"The midfielder, for sure, to go into our idea of football is maybe the most difficult position.

"But we are talking about a player that has great skill, good running.

"We need only a bit of time to work with him, for him to understand and to understand well.

"When you have Heung-Min Son, Richarlison,

Dejan Kulusevski and Harry Kane, I think that the best system we can play is with two midfielders."



fall for yet another Scam

awarded a penalty to the anger of the locals, and Manuel Lanzini converted low to his left.

The Portuguese official also got it wrong when disallowing a 'goal' by Nicklas Helenius who headed home from a corner.

Hammers keeper Alphonse Areola seemed to deliberately bump into Stefan Thordarson and collapse, winning a foul

and ruling out the goal. Craig Dawson, back from injury, nodded in Aaron Cresswell's corner for a third before half-time.

This was Silkeborg's first proper home European tie for 21 years. Hammers fans were given a warm welcome, many handed free beer while queuing for their tickets. A nervy last 15 was set up by Soren Tengstedt's goal

after Jarrod Bowen lost the ball. Areola saved well from Adamson to clinch the win.

SILKEBORG (4-3-2-1): Larsen 6; Sonne 6, Salquist 7, Felix 6, Engel 6 (Klitten 46, 6); Thordarson 7, Brink 6, Klynge (Larsson 62) 6; Kusk 7 (Jorgensen 62, 6), Tengstedt 7; Helenius 7 (Adamsen 62, 7). **Goals:** Kusk 5, Tengstedt 75.

WEST HAM (3-4-1-2): Areola 7; Coufal 6, Dawson 6, Kehrer 5; Cresswell 7, Emerson 7, Lanzini 7, Rice 7 (Soucek 62, 6); Paqueta 7 (Benrahma 63, 6); Cornet 7 (Fornals 86), Scamacca 7 (Bowen 63, 5). **Goals:** Lanzini 13 pen, Scamacca 25, Dawson 38.

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MARTIAL ART:
Haaland's
winner
this week

That goal is right up there with my best says Haaland

ERLING HAALAND has marked down his acrobatic kung-fu winner on Wednesday as "one of the best" goals he has ever scored.

In an increasingly crowded field given his turbo-charged start in England which has seen him score 13 times in eight games for Manchester City, Haaland's goal against Dortmund this week stood out.

And the Norway striker – still just 22 – put it right up amongst his finest.

"This is one of my best goals ever, to be honest," said the front man, signed from Dortmund for £51 million in the summer.

"I'm flexible, that is something that I work on and it turned out good. It was a special goal, I have to say."

Haaland had to leap and twist his body to meet Joao Cancelo's superb cross with the outside of his left boot, his finish giving Dortmund goalkeeper Alexander Meyer no chance.

"I scored a similar goal for Dortmund against Wolfsburg and I've been trying this in the last few games I've played for City and finally it worked, so it was nice," added Haaland.

"I think I have really long legs, so that's how I reached the ball. It was a really good cross and in the end it was a really good goal, I have to say."

"My job is to score goals, be in the box and wait for the right moment. I have to be focused throughout the

By **Gideon Brooks**

whole game and that's my job. My chance came and I took it."

Beaming manager Pep Guardiola compared the athleticism and skill involved to both Johan Cruyff, below, and Zlatan Ibrahimovic – high praise indeed.

But Haaland is unlikely to be distracted by the plaudits and has refocused his sights on the next challenge, at Saturday lunchtime.

He said: "Now I'm just thinking about playing Wolves on Saturday, because that is how my brain has to be."

"I have to focus on the next game and I have to focus on the right things."

"If I think too much, then I don't think it is a good thing. It's about focusing on the right things."

"For me, it was easy to stay focused, as I always do. People might say I don't touch the ball enough and this and that, but I don't care about this. I know what I'm going to do and what I have to do."

"That's exactly what I did in a difficult match – and exactly what I will keep doing. My dream is to touch the ball five times and score five goals. That's my biggest dream."

Haaland has now scored in six successive games for City – a run which has included two hat-tricks.



Teenager Bellingham has right qualities to become an all-time great

THE WORLD AT HIS FEET

YOUNG GUN:
Bellingham, 19, celebrates his Dortmund goal against Manchester City on Wednesday

WHEN Jude Bellingham decides to pack his bags and leave Borussia Dortmund there is going to be one almighty scramble for his services.

Make no mistake, every one of Europe's elite clubs will want a place at the table before the cards are dealt.

On the evidence of his Champions League display against Manchester City on Wednesday, whoever wins the battle will be getting a player who could be among the best the game has seen.

It took some doing on a field peppered with more stars than a clear night sky, and decorated by a finish that Erling Haaland said was one of his own finest and which Pep Guardiola compared to Johan Cruyff.

But Bellingham, who turned 19 in June, put in arguably the best display just hours before being named

in Gareth Southgate's final pre-World Cup England squad. Manuel

By **Gideon Brooks**

Akanji, who played with him at Dortmund before joining City this summer, called his former team-mate "amazing", adding he will be ready for "a big move next year".

City manager Guardiola said of Bellingham: "I was impressed with him three seasons ago when he was 17. An exceptional player but everybody knows it." The teenager became the most expensive 17-year-old in history when he opted for a £25million move from Birmingham City to Germany in July 2020.

Bellingham now looks likely to show at the World Cup that he is the future for England.

Already he has 15 caps – 15 more than Steven Gerrard and Frank Lampard combined at the same age.

If the numbers are impressive, the visuals are up there, too.

Bellingham's athleticism, range of passing and reading of the game are excellent but, vitally, those

skills are underpinned by a competitive streak needed for the bearpit of the international midfield area.

His altercation with England team-mate Phil Foden towards the end of Wednesday's match revealed he will not back down.

Former Dortmund colleague Thomas Delaney, now with Group G opponents Sevilla, said: "He has that edge you need to hit the top level."

"I loved to play beside him but I would hate to play against him because he is annoying."

"He is on the edge all the time, trying to provoke and get you out of your soul."

"As an opponent he's very, very annoying."

For all that, Bellingham's off-field character seems well grounded.

Take this from earlier this summer in a Dortmund podcast about his relationship with the supporters. "I still find it so weird to see my name and my

number when fans come with the shirt, it's the weirdest thing ever," he said.

"I don't take it for granted and I don't think I ever will."

"At the end of the day, I'm just Jude. I went to school like everyone else, I was raised like everyone else."

"I don't see myself as some special human just because I play professional football."

"That is why I don't get weird when someone asks for something after training."

"However many kids want a picture, I'll do them all because it's half an hour to make someone's day or have a kit that's signed for life."

"It's nothing really. What else would I be doing in that time? Messing around on YouTube?"

That particular channel will in time be stacked with golden moments from a player destined to make a serious mark on the game.

But in which team's shirt will he be playing in?

Everyone knows Jude's an exceptional player



MUTUAL RESPECT:
Bellingham hugs former team-mate Haaland and in action for England, above

Main picture: TIM GOODE

ENGLAND
SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS:

Pope (Newcastle), Ramsdale (Arsenal), Henderson (N Forest, on loan from Man Utd).

DEFENDERS:

Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool), Chilwell (Chelsea), Coady (Everton, on loan from Wolves), Dier (Tottenham), Guehi (Crystal Palace), James (Chelsea), Maguire (Man Utd), Shaw (Man Utd), Stones (Man City), Tomori (AC Milan), Trippier (Newcastle), Walker (Manchester City).

MIDFIELDERS:

Bellingham (B Dortmund), Mount (Chelsea), Phillips (Man City), Rice (West Ham), Ward-Prowse (Southampton).

FORWARDS:

Abraham (Roma), Bowen (West Ham), Foden (Man City), Grealish (Man City), Kane (Tottenham), Saka (Arsenal), Sterling (Chelsea), Toney (Brentford).

HUMAN PYRAMID: Bellingham is mobbed after scoring at the Etihad Stadium

Frank salutes
Toney call-up

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a hat-trick against Leeds in his last match.

There are 28 players in the squad for the Nations League double-header against Italy a week today and Germany on September 26.

With the total needing to be cut to 26 for the final squad for Qatar, Rashford was the only person not selected to get a name check.

"There were certain players we wanted to keep involved but it doesn't mean this is the end for some of the others," said England manager Southgate.

"Marcus Rashford, for example, has shown encouraging signs recently.

"He's a player we know well so if he can perform at a high level in the next few weeks, he of course will be under consideration.

"With Ivan Toney, we've been tracking him for a long time.

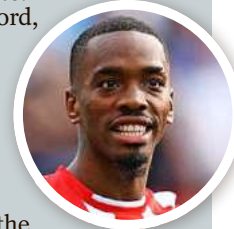
"His form and qualities, not only his scoring but his technical ability, build-up play and aerial prowess, give us a different threat."

Bees head coach Thomas Frank hailed the call-up for Toney, above, saying: "This is a fantastic day for Ivan but also for everyone at Brentford. To have someone in the England squad is a huge achievement.

"It is a moment for us to cherish and will give everyone a little lift.

"I am sure he will go into that group and show his qualities in training and I hope he does enough to get a chance to earn a cap.

"It will be a top day for everyone at Brentford if that happens. The credit must go to Ivan, he has performed exceptionally."



The number looks up for outsiders

WITH his World Cup squad expected to be announced on October 20, Gareth Southgate is having to play the numbers game.

In a nutshell, the England manager has 35 days to squeeze 28 - remainder two - into the 26 berths he has on the plane for Qatar and just two internationals in which to finalise his decision.

So aside from injured pair Marcus Rashford and Jordan Pickford, that remainder two, the number appears to be up for those not named yesterday in the squad for Italy and Germany.

Sorry Jadon Sancho. Sorry Ben White. Sorry Conor Gallagher. Sorry Emile Smith Rowe.

When push comes to shove, manager Southgate has again chosen to go with his tried and tested.

"This is a bigger than normal squad and part of the rationale is that we are very close to a World Cup and we feel, although our results were disappointing in the summer, that we have picked on the basis of form and capability over a long

By Matthew Dunn

period," said Southgate. "It is only eight weeks until we will be naming our squad for Qatar, so every minute counts."

Evidently, as Calvin Phillips retains his place despite playing only 60 seconds of Premier League football since his summer move to Manchester City.

But those Euro 2020 finalists Rashford and Pickford, below, loom large among what will almost certainly be the final list.

"Clearly, we have a number of players including Ben Chilwell, Luke Shaw, Harry Maguire and Calvin Phillips who are not playing a lot of minutes with their club," added Southgate.

"It is not ideal, but we feel they have been, and can be, important players for us. It is not a perfect situation but there is still a lot of football to be played before Qatar."

Even one of the newcomers is an oldcomer. Eric Dier has not played for England since November 2020 but his improved form under Antonio Conte at Tottenham warrants a recall for the 2018 World

Cup semi-finalist. "With Eric Dier, he has been playing well for a period of time," said Southgate. "We think it is a really close call across our centre-backs and he has deserved to be picked back in the group.

"We know what a good character he is. He fits in with the culture and has great international experience and leadership qualities."

Dier's welcome back to the fold means less of a need for Jordan Henderson's experience within the group - or card tricks, as Roy Keane would have it.

Now it is up to Southgate to perform the magic trick - making those extra bodies disappear.

Nick Pope's call-up gives the in-form Newcastle goalkeeper a chance to oust Dean Henderson when Pickford reclaims his No.1 shirt.

Rashford, if he continues his early form, could make Ivan Toney's England career a spectacularly short one.

Conor Coady, Marc Guehi and Fikayo Tomori would appear to be the lowest hanging fruit.


Losing Trent Alexander-Arnold, one of four right-backs, or Maguire would be more controversial.

Could Southgate bring himself to do a number on either of them, though?




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IT'S ROGER AND OUT

Federer, 41, calls it a day after body finally gives up on him

ROGER FEDERER has finally ended the greatest era of men's tennis by announcing his retirement from the sport at the age of 41. His last match will be at the Laver Cup in London later this month, competing alongside Rafa Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray for

By **Matthew Dunn**

Team Europe in one final outing together for the men who have dominated tennis for two decades. "My body's message to me lately has been clear," said Federer in a

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HEY JUDE: GREATNESS BECKONS BELLINGHAM SEE PAGES 66-67



ON THE WAY BACK: Southgate believes Rashford has shown good signs this season

MAKE YOUR MARC

By **Matthew Dunn**

GARETH Southgate has thrown down the gauntlet to Marcus Rashford to win a World Cup spot with his Manchester United form in the next month. Injured Rashford missed last night's Europa League win over Sheriff and his absence opened the door for Ivan Toney to claim a first England call-up after scoring

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Rashford's told he can still earn Qatar spot



STILL GIFTED: Sancho wore personalised shinpads given to him by fan

SANCHO TAKES AXING ON SHIN

SHERIFF 0 MAN UTD 2

By **David Anderson**

JADON SANCHO refuses to give up on his World Cup dream after being snubbed by Gareth Southgate. Sancho responded to being axed by Southgate from his final England squad before the finals in Qatar by scoring in Manchester United's Europa League win over Sheriff Tiraspol. But there was misery for Harry Maguire and Luke Shaw, who were axed by

Erik ten Hag on the day Southgate selected them. Sancho's goal last night was his third of the season and he aims to win back his England place. The winger, who after scoring held up shinpads made and given to him by a young fan this week, said: "Yeah, 100 percent that's one of

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ACROSS

- 1 Fantastic (11)
9 Dampen (7)
10 Proportion (5)
11 Lock (5)
12 Widespread (7)
13 Incompetent (6)
15 Group of six (6)
18 Deadlock (7)
20 Heathen (5)
22 Big (5)
23 Dive (7)
24 Brilliant (11)

DOWN

- 2 Be (5)
3 Schoolbag (7)
4 Touchwood (6)
5 Rowed (5)
6 Try (7)
7 Improbable (11)
8 Link (11)
14 Calumniate (7)
16 Explain (7)
17 Folk (6)
19 Slumber (5)
21 Urchin (5)

Solution on Monday

Stuck on the puzzle? Call **0905 789 4188** to hear individual clues or the full solution

**Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. Service provider Spoke Ltd - Helpline 0333 202 3390*

CROSS DOUBT

Target times: Average: **20 mins**
Good: **16 mins** Excellent: **12 mins**

Stuck? Call for a clue
0901 322 5601
Halve your Target Time!

Today's solution
0901 322 5607
Both today's words in a moment!

**Calls cost 75p plus your telephone company's network access charge.*

Can you make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given, using each letter only once? You can - but only if one letter features in both words in the squares on the right. There's at least one way to do it, and you have to have the right letter at the crossover - but which one is it?

See if you can find the answer within our target time. If you need help, ring our clue-line below to find out the crossover letter. **Solution on Monday**

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SMALL CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Role (9)
7 Very small quantity (4)
8 Deep ravine (5)
10 Donkey (3)
11 Sarcastic (6)
13 Astronomical measure of distance (5,4)
14 Pantry (6)
16 _ Gardner, actress (3)
18 Brief letters (5)
19 Bathroom powder (4)
20 Detect something suspicious (5,1,3)

DOWN

- 1 Non-military people (9)
2 Very unpleasant (6)
3 Precipitation (4)
4 Large animal (3)
5 Story of disaster (7)
6 Surer cert (anag.) (9)
8 Stringed instruments (7)

DOWN

- 9 Akin (7)
12 Spanish rice dish (6)
15 Educating _, play by Willy Russell (4)
17 Solidify (3)

Solution tomorrow

For today's solution call:
0907 181 2582

**Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.*

KAKURO

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Fill each sequence of blank squares using the numbers 1-9. Each sequence - across and down - must total the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of each line. A number may be repeated in each line but NOT in a sequence.

Solution on Monday

Puzzles

ARROW-WORD

Enter your answers as indicated by the arrows, including items connected with our TV star, then read the letters in the shaded squares to spell the London area where he was born (7).

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

TV show with our star

Talk in a choking manner

Heap

Mushroom

Flowers

Our star's first name

English singer, Dua _

Snow runner

Feline

Strictly presenter, _ Daly

Star Trek captain

Defeat utterly

Edible tuber

Great Lake

Fuss

Chopper

Expecting a baby

Secret agent

Peaky Blinders star, _ Neill

One held for ransom

At an angle

Whichever

Relax

The Chase star, _ Hegerity

Egress

Actress, _ Oberman (5-3)

Winnie-the-Pooh's friend

Seb, _ 1980s British athlete

TV show with our star, _ Of Thrones

Large dog, Great _

Artist, Yoko _

Tribal symbol

Craze

Comedian _ Osho

Orderly

Basement

Singer, _ Coyle

Got up

Deed

Russian model, _ Shayk

Former TOWIE star, _ Bright

Womble, or Russian city

Movie, The _ Network

Control actor, Sam _

Trophy

Fool


Our star

Mend

Wrong

River barrier

Request



DITLOIDS

If we asked you what "7 D of the W" stood for, you would soon guess we meant 7 Days of the Week, but what are the rather more tricky ones below?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

- 1) 6 S in A
- 2) 3 T in a T
- 3) 3 H in a B B
- 4) 2 W on a B
- 5) 1 2 B M S
- 6) 7 C of the W

MUDDLESOME

We've scrambled up the names of three classical composers. Can you work out what they are?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

REINFORCED CHIP
SOVEREIGN CHAIRMAN
GHOST VAULTS

TV CROSSWORD

Solve our crossword, then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to reveal the name of a TV show (3,7).

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ACROSS

- 1 Christina _ actress whose TV credits include Yellowjackets and Pan Am (5)
- 6 He presented children's shows including Think Of A Number, Johnny _ (4)
- 8 2022 BBC drama starring Sean Bean and Nicola Walker (8)
- 10 Claire _ actress who played Carrie Mathison in Homeland (5)
- 11 Peyton Place star who played Max Brennan in Bones, Ryan _ (5)
- 12 Blake _ actress who played Serena van der Woodsen in Gossip Girl (6)
- 15 Wes Chatham's character in The Expanse, _ Burton (4)
- 16 _ Is The New Black, prison comedy-drama which starred Taylor Schilling (6)
- 17 Actor who played Mike Hannigan in Friends, Paul _ (4)
- 19 The _ popular Danish drama which starred Sofie Gråbøl (7)
- 21 Actor who has played The Master in Doctor Who, John _ (4)

DOWN

- 2 _ Gruffudd, actor who plays the titular forensic pathologist in Harrow (4)
- 3 Actress who plays Queen Elizabeth II in the fifth series of The Crown, _ Staunton (6)
- 4 King Of The _ animated sitcom of the 1990s and 2000s (4)

- 5 Comedian who starred with Dudley Moore in Not Only... But Also (5,4)
- 6 Actor who played the eponymous police inspector in Wallander, Kenneth _ (7)
- 7 _ Dawson, comedian who presented Blankety Blank (3)
- 9 US sitcom which starred Ray Romano, Everybody Loves _ (7)
- 13 Michelle _ actress playing Scian in the upcoming show The Witcher: Blood Origin (4)

- 14 EastEnders character played by Scott Maslen, Jack _ (8)
- 17 _ Geller, Friends character who was played by David Schwimmer (4)
- 18 Superhero drama whose stars include Diane Guerrero, _ Patrol (4)
- 20 _ Michele, actress who played Rachel Berry in Glee (3)

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

- 1 Which English filmmaker directed the 1954 American crime-thriller film Dial M For Murder?
- 2 In Roman numerals, what number is represented by M?
- 3 In which 1939 American film did Clara Blandick play the role of Auntie Em?
- 4 In miles, what is the approximate length of England's M1 motorway - is it 193, 393, or 593?
- 5 Ralph Fiennes, the actor who plays M in the Bond film No Time To Die, was born in which decade?



- 6 What is the real first name of American rapper Eminem?
- 7 What word follows 'Rivers Of' to form the name of a 1970s No. 1 single for Boney M?
- 8 M is the international car registration for which Mediterranean island?
- 9 In January 2022, former M People singer Heather Small, left appeared as Chandelier in which reality singing competition TV series?
- 10 With reference to the wood-substitute material used in interior decoration, what does the M in MDF stand for?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

TRIVIA WORDSEARCH

- 1 Who portrayed Lindsey, the title character's love interest, in the 2006 crime thriller Lucky Number Slevin? (4,3)
- 2 Alongside DJ Luck, who completes the UK garage duo behind the 1999 hit single A Little Bit of Luck? (1,1,4)
- 3 To which character is Lucky a slave in Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot? (5)
- 4 Which mythical being was used to advertise Lucky Charms breakfast cereal? (10)
- 5 Of which Indian state is Lucknow the capital city? (5,7)
- 6 Which Radiohead album features the song Lucky? (1,8)
- 7 Shane Richie's late-1990s game show Lucky Numbers was based on which game? (5)
- 8 Which Australian actor starred as a poker player in the 2007 box office flop Lucky You? (4,4)
- 9 Goodluck Jonathan assumed the presidency of which country following the death of his predecessor Umaru Yar'Adua? (7)
- 10 The song Luck Be a Lady is featured in which musical? (4,3,5)

LUCKY FOR SOME. Solve the clues and find the answers in the grid. Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

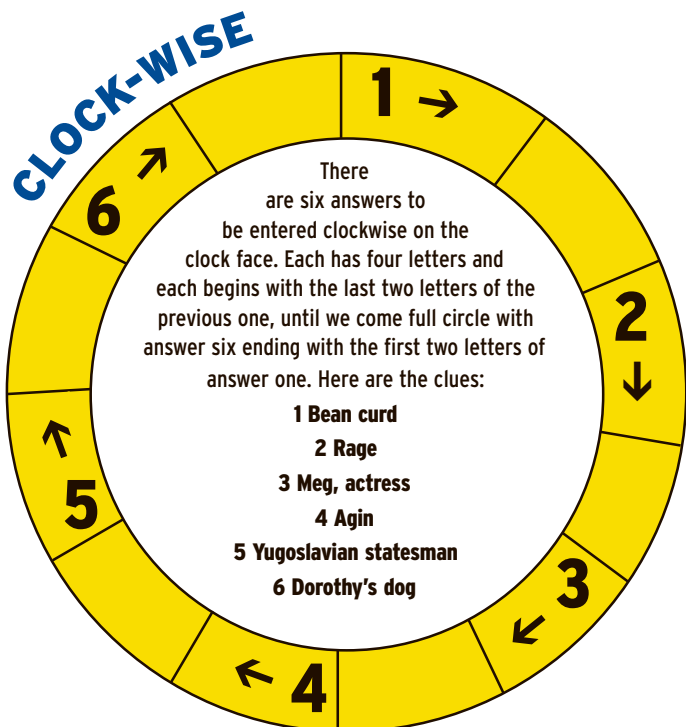
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WORDS

In the following passage, the numbers 12345 represent different letters:

"Dear Jack, I 234 this with regret, but you 4335 to 133 13413. Our future 5323451 on it. 12345 money only on what we 4335, or we will 345 up 5332 in debt. Do you 133? 21: Please 1345 me more beanstalk 13351."

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out



SUMTHING

Fit the missing numbers into the grid so that all the sums are correct - reading left to right or on single lines top to bottom. There are 11 squares to fill, with one digit in each, and the 11 digits you must use are listed below. But where do they all go?

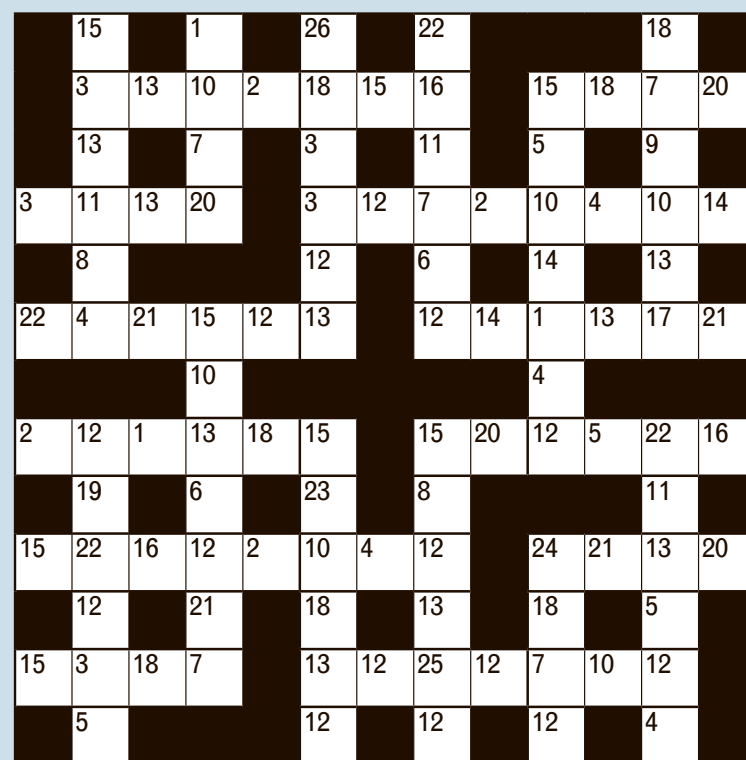
Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

We've given you one digit to get you started. Here are the missing digits to fit in:

0, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 8

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THE ULTRA ALPHAPUZZLE®



WELCOME to the ULTRA Alphapuzzle™ - the 'extra-tough' version of Britain's favourite wordpower challenge. Each grid number represents a different letter. All 26 letters are used.

TARGET TIME: 30 minutes.
Solution next Friday

Last Friday's solution

Across: Loudest, Moot, Cork, Buttress, Vessel, Second, Scrump, Please, Magazine, Wort, Defy, Truffle.

Down: Alcove, Chalet, Junk, Squeaky, Verbal, Plinth, Status, Plexus, Miracle, Waft, Cousin, Sorbet.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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For up to six Extra Clue Letters, call:
0907 181 2578

(Deduct three minutes from Target Time for each extra letter heard)

Alternatively, for 6 extra clues to your mobile, text:
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Full solution: **0907 181 2579**
Across only: **0907 181 2576**
Down only: **0907 181 2577**

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SAMURAI SUDOKU

8	6	3	4	1	7	5	2	9
2	7	5	3	6	9	1	4	8
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4	2	9	1	7	8	6	5	3
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9	4	6	7	3	1	2	8	5
3	8	1	2	4	5	9	6	7
7	5	2	9	8	6	3	1	4

SMALL CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Assiduous, 7 Finish, 9 Genesis, 10 Ergo, 12 Egg, 13 Machete, 14 Ian, 15 Xmas, 17 Sardine, 19 Avenge, 20 Ceaseless.
Down: 1 Angelina, 2 Seer, 3 Sin, 4 Discharge, 5 Unisex, 6 Usage, 8 High seas, 11 Oceans, 13 Mauve, 16 Ants, 18 Ice.

TARGET

DIRECTIVE

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WORDSEARCH

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THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 6, 7, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 32, 35, 39, 40.
Across: Floating, Vote, Enemy, Lacy, Jeans, Who, Quango, Less, Fete, Denial, Due, Abash, Heed, Azure, Slab, Sprinkle.
Down: Floating, Vote, Enemy, Lacy, Jeans, Who, Quango, Less, Fete, Denial, Due, Abash, Heed, Azure, Slab, Sprinkle.

CROSS DOUBT

Across: FLINT
Down: FAULT

SUMMIT UP

102 and 94

ARROW-WORD

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THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Warpath, Fauna, Kazoo, Squalls, Normally, Fain, Docile (clue), Gather, Card, Underdog, Invoice, Train, Dined, Tacitly.
Down: Wakened, Cried, Razor, Caravan, Adorable, Mild, Hassle, Insect, Faux, Majestic, Unleash, Draft, Arson, Regency.

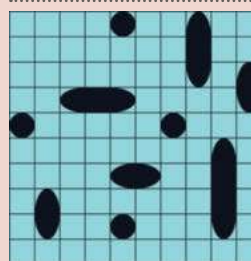
WORD BUILDER

Sag, Sage, Rages, Grease, Erase, Sere, See

SUDOKU EASY

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BATTLESHIPS



QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Opponent, 5 Doom, 9 Free, 10 Uncover, 11 Plain, 12 Emanate, 13 Exceptionally, 18 Equality, 19 Mock, 20 Tuition, 21 Drain, 22 Dine, 23 Beverage.
Down: 2 Perplex, 3 Onetime, 4 Nonresistance, 6 Overall, 7 Mystery, 8 Domain, 13 Erected, 14 Caution, 15 Pallid, 16 Admirer, 17 Lacking.

SUDOKU MEDIUM

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KAKURO

SUDOKU DIFFICULT

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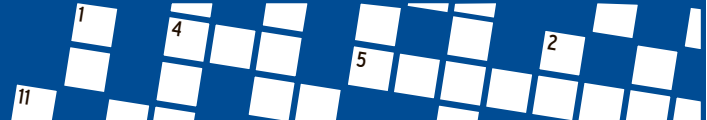
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QUIZWORD

Across: 6 Bateman, 7 Karen, 9 Fly, 10 Pickering, 12 Cock-a-leekie, 15 Billy Casper, 17 Cat Chaser, 19 Fen, 21 Astor, 22 The Bone.
Down: 1 Pablo, 2 Fez, 3 Kali, 4 Laurie Lee, 5 Beineix, 8 Skulls, 11 Collector, 13 Kuchar, 14 Picasso, 16 Penne, 18 Echo, 20 Ebb.

Puzzles



CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

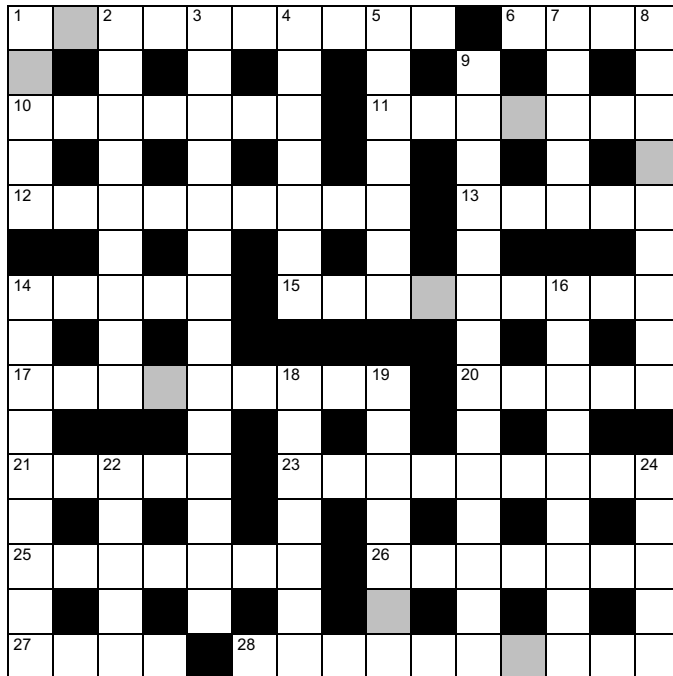
WIN
£100
CASH

ACROSS

- 1 Rot about doctor is not confusing musician (10)
6 Details of his peculiarities (4)
10 Land is usable, cultivated around river (7)
11 Stylish glee spread by worker (7)
12 Once more, assessing passage about old king (9)
13 Graduate set for a snack (5)
14 Almost locating a protest (3-2)
15 Drainage system burning unsteadily (9)
17 No ideas in reforming some islands (9)
20 Small ice cream and cake (5)
21 Twitch, holding a French garment (5)
23 Leaving artist, having arrived, unseen (3-6)
25 Tribunal didn't start to have registered some jewellery (7)
26 Letter of zero length (7)
27 Woman with time to get ingredient (4)
28 Animal coat distributed about the body (10)

DOWN

- 1 Row about British flower (5)
2 Compelled former pupil to get dial fixed (9)
3 Potential concession at fast food shop? (10,4)
4 Making a home points to pain (7)
5 Dexterity gets audible insult (7)
7 Called after parking accident (5)
8 Coagulate changes in list (9)
9 Badly stumble midway going around English sporting venue (7,7)
14 Lethargic without an undergarment (9)
16 Mortice is designed with the same dimensions (9)
18 Japanese leader has time to get a weapon (7)
19 Insult a loud appearance (7)
22 Health worker runs off to Spain (5)
24 Cancel a couple of notes by university student (5)



FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
Read down the letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the mystery word.

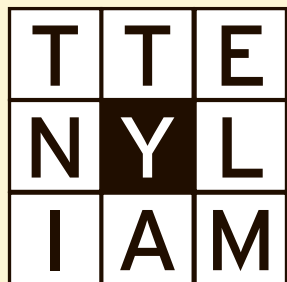
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● The winner will be the first random correct entry drawn from all entry routes after the closing date of September 23. The Editor's decision is final.

NEED HELP? Call **0904 161 1609** for 5 extra clues! Calls cost £1.50 plus your telephone company's network access charge.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
POSTCODE _____

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION
ACROSS: 1 Foraged, 5 Rapport, 9 Wisconsin, 10 Nonet, 11 Slovene, 12 Literal, 13 Whistle-blower, 18 Open fireplace, 20 Saphead, 23 Sceptre, 25 Fraud, 26 Stay alert, 27 Liturgy, 28 Thermos. **DOWN:** 1 Fewest, 2 Ross-on-Wye, 3 Glove, 4 Dissenter, 5 Renal, 6 Panatella, 7 Owner, 8 Tutelary, 14 Infielder, 15 En passant, 16 Wheat germ, 17 Boastful, 19 Depths, 21 Plait, 22 Dusty, 24 Evade. **Prizeword:** Pushing

TARGET



● The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?

In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 17; very good 25; excellent 33 (or more). **Solution on Monday**

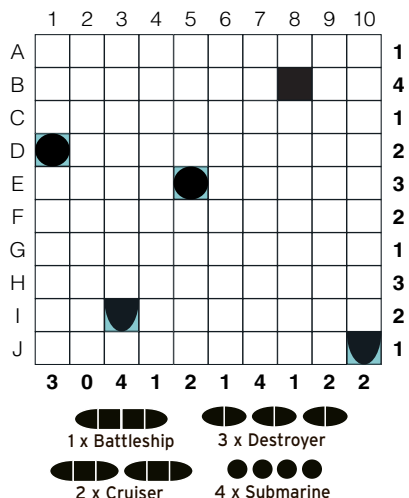
Call **0907 181 2585** for today's Target solution

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BATTLESHIPS

FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.

Solution on Monday



THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET
TIME:
38 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter - or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' - in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.

Solution on Monday

Extra letter clues
0907 181 2560

(Deduct three minutes for each extra clue letter heard)

Full solution
0907 181 2558

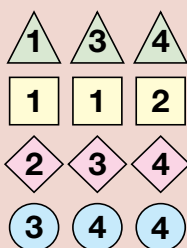
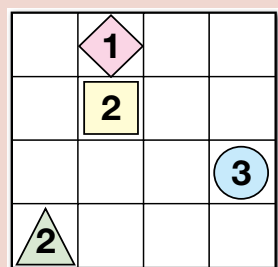
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Posing for painters...when

From Andy Warhol to Grayson Perry, formal portraits through to state-of-the-art 3D imaging, the Queen was to prove endlessly fascinating to artists throughout her long reign

By Jane Warren



A Queen apart from mortals

IN 1954, one of London's historic guilds – the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers – commissioned Pietro Annigoni to paint the Queen.

The Italian painter had gained a reputation for Renaissance-inspired works that involved mixing egg and wine into the paint to give a soft, fluid effect, a technique known as egg tempura. His serene depiction of the Queen dressed in the chivalric robes of the Order of the Garter, left, emerged the following year after 15 sittings in the Yellow Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace.

He had initially asked for 30 sessions, as he worked slowly.

Annigoni, who died in 1988 aged 78, later wrote in his diary: "Once the Queen's approval was given, only then did the enormity of the importance of the undertaking hit me. It could make or break me."

Overawed by his first sitting, the Queen put him at his ease by speaking to him in French. "I didn't know what to do," he added of his artistic choices. "She remembered when as a young

girl she used to spend quite a lot of time in that room watching from that window."

Cut off from the outside world, she explained to the artist how she remembered finding the world outside, including traffic and people, a fascinating sight. He later described this contemplative insight as "a search light", illuminating his artistic direction by revealing a Queen who, while dear to her subjects, was alone and remote. He knew then that this was how he should depict her.

"Many people said Annigoni tried to capture the soul rather than the physical subject," says Peter Capon, head of collection, The Fishmongers' Company.

Art historian and curator, Sir Roy Strong, describes the monumental finished work as a defining image of the Queen: "A young woman, radiant but composed against the winter landscape, as though she stands as spring against winter."

Some critics, however, felt the stylised image failed to capture the young Queen's vitality.

THE QUEEN was the very opposite of vain. Never personally concerned with her looks, she nonetheless sat for more than 130 painted portraits as part of her duty to the nation. She would often give her permission – and time – sitting for works commissioned by charities, institutions, the Church and businesses.

Early works tended to be inspired by traditional portraiture, with their more formal style and medium, echoing the classical ideals of monarchy.

More left-field takes – many becoming some of the most famous images of the Monarch – would follow as her reign progressed.

In 1985, pop artist Andy Warhol, who once declared, "I want to be as famous as the Queen of England", gave Her Majesty the Marilyn Monroe treatment in his iconic set of silkscreen prints as part of his Reigning Queens series.

The collection included Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and Queen Ntombi of Swaziland.

The image he used for our Queen was derived from an official 1977 Jubilee photo by Peter Grurgeon.

His shot also inspired the Sex Pistols, via artist Jamie Reid, for their God Save The Queen single and countless copycats since.

Indeed, as Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry told a recent BBC documentary: "As time goes on, and we became a more casual nation, the images of the Queen began to reflect that."

Near the end of her reign, posing for striking contemporary works, she remained fascinated by the process... despite occasionally being bemused by the results.



TAPESTRY OF LIFE: Grayson Perry with his work, Comfort Blanket, featuring the Queen and other British iconography

Fortitude shot through with resignation

RENOWNED as the finest royal portrait for years, Lucien Freud's 2001 painting of the Queen – which is part of the Royal Collection – divided opinion. While some critics praised its expression of fortitude and dutifulness shot through with resignation and weariness, others suggested it made the Queen look like one of her corgis and asked why it gave her "a rugby forward's neck".

According to a biography of Freud, published in 2020, the Queen told the artist "I've very much enjoyed watching you mix your colours."



ROYAL SITTING: Lucien Freud paints the Queen in 2001... she liked watching his palette

Your favourite aunty

HAVING won the Turner Prize in 2003, Grayson Perry is one of Britain's best-known contemporary artists.

Famous for his alluring ceramics, chronicling everyday life, he has more recently started to create epic tapestries, which he uses to examine daily dramas.

In 2014, the artist, who has a female alter-ego, Claire, created Comfort Blanket, a vast eight-metre-wide tapestry that featured an informal bust of the Queen that seemed to owe more to Hilda Ogden than Cecil Beaton. "I wanted to do a piece about British identity," he told the BBC's Sophie Raworth during her recent documentary examining the Queen as artistic subject. "But I really struggled with it for a long time."

The catalyst behind the work was a Hungarian friend whose family had walked out of Hungary fleeing the Soviets in 1956. "She said they had walked out in rather difficult, dangerous circumstances and managed to get onto a plane, and her mother always used to say Britain was her security blanket. As they flew into Britain the voice of the Queen came up on the Tannoy and said 'Welcome to Britain, you are now in a safe country', and that started my mind going."

In that moment, Perry saw the Queen as "the mother of the nation" or "your favourite aunty". "My aunts used to knit blankets in the war, so I imagined the Queen knitting a blanket for Britain – that was the comfort blanket – and I also wanted it to look a bit like a bank note." The tapestry includes people, objects, values and cultural icons that suggest a notion of Britishness.

"I started working on all the things that make up Britain – the famous things that we all treasure or love to hate," he says.

His decision to make the Queen look "sort of friendly, like your aunty" was, he admits, his "personal projection" onto her. "The Queen is a big part of that quilt of identity, and I wanted her to appear as human as possible without the god-like accoutrements of royalty."

"That's why her dying is such a powerful thing. It's like a little bit of all our identity is gone."



Elizabeth became a subject

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The man in the green tracksuit

ARTIST Nicky Philipps recalled of her three sittings with the Queen in the Chinese Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace in the late autumn of 2012: "She chats away."

The artist had been commissioned by Royal Mail to paint the Queen for a Diamond Jubilee stamp, *main and left*, in 2013.

"There was a marvellous moment when she was looking out into Green Park and she suddenly saw this figure coming round," recalls Nicky in the recent BBC documentary on the Queen and art.

"Of course, she was watching everything going on outside. And she said 'here he comes again'.

"And there was this man in a green tracksuit, and he was jogging. And I thought how wonderful it was that this guy had absolutely no idea that he was being constantly monitored by the Queen."

The Royal Mail required only a head and shoulders, but Nicky was so captivated by her subject that she decided to make a full length version with corgis anyway.

The work later became part of the Queen's personal art collection.



HOLOGRAPHIC MONARCH:
Artist Chris Levine poses with his 3D portrait, *Equanimity*

Liquid light

THE Island of Jersey commissioned the artist Chris Levine to create a dramatic holographic portrait of the Monarch in 2004 using state-of-the-art technology.

The otherworldly blue image, entitled *Equanimity*, was the first 3D image of the Queen.

"When I first got the call I thought it was a friend of mine pulling my leg, actually," says the Canadian light artist, who trained at Chelsea College of Art and was described by fashion photographer Mario Testino as "a true visionary".

"It seemed a bit far-fetched, a hologram portrait of the Queen. But ultimately I wanted to do something that became an icon. It's a word that's used a lot, but I really wanted to distil the portrait somehow into essence. I just wanted to create something that was really beautiful, very modern, and had a purity about it."

A week before the shoot, Levine received a call from the Palace asking what he'd like the Queen to wear.

"It completely threw me; that was a curveball," he recalls. "I'd designed the shoot and what I was going to do on the basis that she could turn up wearing anything and I'll work with that."

Instead, he found himself able to discuss the Queen's attire with her dresser, Angela Kelly. He chose a single row of pearls and an ermine stole. When the Queen arrived, she took in the technology in the Yellow Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace.

"It was like the Tardis, it wasn't just an

easel in the corner and a painter," he recalls of the equipment he had installed in order to create the three-dimensional computer model of her using conventional and stereoscopic cameras.

He explained to the Queen that he needed her to look into the middle distance, rather than focus on the equipment. "I needed Her Majesty to fix her gaze on something in the distance so she wouldn't get distracted. We did several passes but within that was the one that really did work."

Another frame from Levine's session has become one of the most recognised portraits from the latter part of her reign.

In a snatched moment, he caught a 3D still of Her Majesty with her eyes closed. She appears as if in a transcendental meditative pose, almost angelic in her serenity.

Levine says he knew immediately that the image was deeply special.

"I really wanted to create a feeling of stillness. It was a magical moment," he reveals. However the Queen had no idea the photo had been taken until it appeared on the cover of a newspaper magazine supplement.

Fortunately, the image was a huge hit and Levine was relieved that rather than heading for the Tower of London, as he had feared, his artwork was produced at a time when the Royal Family was looking to update its image. "And so I was allowed to propagate its use, as long as I didn't step out of line with it," he adds.



The ones that got away

IN THE 1950s, the Royal Family had realised that the age of deference was coming to an end, and sensed a need to be more accessible to the public. And so photographer Antony Armstrong-Jones – who became Lord Snowdon following his marriage to Princess Margaret in 1960 – was invited to take a set of outdoor portraits in the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

These included a bucolic image, *above*, showing Prince Charles and Princess Anne reading a book by a stream, their parents watching from the bridge above.

According to Snowdon, the initial idea for the picture didn't go quite to plan. "To play safe, I went along the day before and did a little sketch of it and got that approved," he said in 1979. His pre-shot sketch showed the children fishing.

"But the picture is rather different, because they are not fishing and the reason for that is very simple. I didn't think there were any fish there, so I went out and bought some from the fishmonger and I bought a fishing rod.

"At about 7 o'clock that morning [housekeeper] Mrs Peabody came into my room with my breakfast and she said, 'Oh, Mr Tony, I thought you needed building up this morning.' So I open the tray and there were the two trout, which she'd cooked. So that's why the picture shows them reading the book."



The water baby

PHOTOGRAPHER Patrick Lichfield was commissioned in the 1970s to take a set of photographs of his cousin.

As part of the family, Lord Lichfield was able to capture some stunning impromptu moments, including the Queen wearing a camera and beaming over the railings of the Royal Yacht Britannia, *above*. Taken in an unguarded moment, he once said it was "surprising" she passed it for publication. Unusually, he took the snap with an underwater camera after he emerged from the waves as the royal yacht sailed over the Equator.

"I came up the third time and just saw her screaming with laughter," he recalled. "I always carry a camera that you can use in any circumstances. That's, of course, how you get good shots, rather than taking set-up shots in a studio. If one ever loses that, one loses photography."

David Bailey called her 'girl', Beaton remembered her 'sugar pink' cheeks

Photography turned the Queen from ordinary mortal into global icon... and leading lensmen queued up to take her picture

By Jane Warren

WITHIN MOMENTS of her Coronation at Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953, a photograph was taken of the newly-crowned Queen Elizabeth II that would become one of the most defining images of her reign. The pressure to deliver the perfect shot fell to the official court photographer, Cecil Beaton. Taken in the Green Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, his iconic photograph transformed the 27-year-old Queen into a vision of almost ethereal majesty.

"She was young, she was beautiful, and those photographs I think are magisterial; they really set the agenda for how she was to be presented for the whole of her reign," says art historian and curator Sir Roy Strong. "[Beaton] was a genius at that."

Beaton set the standard, but thousands of images would follow this singular photograph as the Queen embarked on a journey that would see her becoming the most visually represented woman in the whole of human history.

From press photographs to paintings, from sculpture to pop art, for more than 70 years, Elizabeth II was a visual icon – her image was instantly recognisable yet she remained somehow inscrutable.

Here we uncover some of the stories behind the most significant portraits of our late Queen; works that will play a powerful role in how she will be remembered by future generations, documenting the changing times through which she lived during her record-breaking 70-year reign.





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**Come on, girl!**

LEGENDARY celebrity photographer David Bailey CBE charmed the Queen in his bid to capture the real woman behind the throne.

His joyful portraits from 2014 marked Her Majesty's 88th birthday and another of the set was chosen for her Sapphire (65th) Jubilee.

After setting up his equipment for the half-day shoot in Buckingham Palace, Bailey told the Queen he had "truth Tourette's" and asked for forgiveness if he "said something that didn't sound quite right".

He also earned a smile by asking if her jewels were real: "I said: 'I bet that cost a few bob, girl'." When asked if he really called the Queen "girl", he replied: "It just came out. I call everyone 'girl'."

He joked while talking with Sophie Raworth, who was interviewing artists and photographers for her recent BBC documentary: "I probably accidentally called her 'girl'... I forget people's names a bit, anyway. But that was alright, she seemed to like it. I think 'truth Tourette's' was the key to the sitting, because after that we just laughed all the time. When you've been doing it as long as I have you get to know people. You use a kind of charm. Two people take a picture, not one.

"Women at that age are quite difficult to photograph, but she was great, she was easy like you can't believe. And then I did colour, which I don't normally do. I sort of joked with her and asked her if her [sapphires] were real." He added: "She's a kind woman, a smart, hard-working woman, and I got the twinkle in her eye."

GIRL POWER: Prince William admires the fabulous portrait shot of the Queen by David Bailey; inset above, photographer with the Monarch

Watching the 6 o'clock news

A 1969 documentary was made about the Royal Family, the first ever to allow cameras behind the scenes to film candid moments from their daily lives.

Attached to the film crew for more than a year was the BBC publicity photographer Joan Williams. Her images, taken during the filming, gave intriguing domestic insights into the life of the Queen and her young family. One showed her watching the Six o'clock news at Sandringham with youngest sons Andrew and Edward, inset below.

"Andrew walked into the room and walked straight over to the television set, switched it on, and it was the news that was on," says Joan. "It was unusual

because nobody ever saw that side of them."

Joan told Sophie Raworth her favourite shot was the Queen wearing an emerald dress with a corgi on her lap, left. "The Queen was talking to the cameraman and suddenly one corgi jumped up on her lap like that.

"This shot has been used time and time again in magazines all over the world," recalled Joan, who described Her Majesty as a "very good" subject.

"She realised she's dealing with professionals, so she does what she's told. If only all the stupid and difficult ones were like her, it would make a photographer's life so much easier."

After filming was over, Joan came under pressure to sell her images privately.

Instead she put scissors through the negatives.

"I knew that for safety's sake it would be better," she explains. "I was exceptionally lucky to have the job. I loved it."

**The 1,000-watt light bulb**

WHILE the Coronation was taking place, the Green Drawing Room was being carefully transformed into a photographic studio by court photographer Cecil Beaton who would recall his subject's "sugar pink" cheeks.

He set up a monumental backdrop, printed with an image of Westminster Abbey's Henry VII Lady Chapel, and a complicated lighting rig using a 1,000-watt light bulb. His elaborate setting was designed to showcase the orb, sceptre and Coronation Ring – symbolising the Queen being wedded to state.

In his diaries, Beaton recorded the arrival of his subject: "In came the Queen with her ladies. Cool, smiling – sovereign of the situation. I asked her to stand against my blow-up Abbey background. The lighting was not at all as I would have wished but no time for readjustments; every second of importance. I was getting pictures at a great rate."

The striking shot, left, included the positioning of the mega-watt lightbulb on a stand directly behind the Queen's head to illuminate her hair like a halo, and bleach out the printed background.



By Kat Hopps

QUEEN Elizabeth II understood instinctively that the Royal Family's longevity rested on its ability to connect with ordinary people. She embraced and enhanced the tradition of royal walkabouts, and in 1993, became the first monarch to open Buckingham Palace to the public.

But she was already making strides towards change in 1962 when she opened up the Royal Family's vast art collection to the public for the first time in its history.

On the site of a former chapel next to Buckingham Palace, the monarch opened the Queen's Gallery to display in rotation some of her most valuable paintings and drawings. More than five million visitors have since visited it. Today, the Royal Collection encompasses more than one million objects, spread across 13 current and former royal residences including Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court Palace, the Tower of London and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The collection – reputedly worth a staggering £10billion – is widely considered the largest and most important of its kind anywhere in the world.

Begun by Charles I, King from 1625 until his execution in 1649, it has been built upon by successive kings and queens for almost 400 years. The jaw-dropping riches include 7,600 paintings, 3,000 miniatures, 500,000 prints, 450,000 photographs and 30,000 drawings and watercolours.

Then there are the thousands of decorative arts, a lavish array of ceramics, armour, jewellery, furniture, books, sculptures, tapestries and Fabergé Easter eggs.

As a whole, the pieces form one of the last remaining European royal collections to be held intact. However, the Monarch does not own it outright.

"It is held in trust by the Queen [and now the King] as Sovereign for her successors and the nation," states the Royal Collection Trust, the charitable body run by the Royal Household to care for the objects. "It is not owned by her as a private individual."

The Trust was formed in 1993, one year after Windsor Castle went up flames, taking with it irreplaceable artworks and other cultural pieces of history.

THE ROYAL Family understandably wanted to preserve future works. And more than 270,000 objects have now been photographed and digitised online for posterity. As for the pieces, they number some of the most famous and talented artists ever known.

The Collection includes 30 artworks from Canaletto, 550 drawings by Leonardo da Vinci, six Rembrandts and masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens, Michelangelo, Tintoretto, Vermeer, Holbein and Dürer.

It is so big that very occasionally some pieces have gone unnoticed.

In 2006, experts unearthed an original painting of Caravaggio's Calling Of Saints Peter And Andrew in a storeroom at Hampton Court Palace.

Originally bought by Charles I, the picture had been covered in grime, varnish and layers of overpainting, leading historians to mistake it as a copy until they had it cleaned and restored.

Little is known about the Queen's favoured artwork as typically she has kept her opinions on the matter private. However, the Collection does offer insight into the tastes of individual monarchs through the ages, with notable purchases made by Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Charles I, George III and George IV, and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

The paintings are broadly split into three areas of significance: the European Old Masters, dating from the Renaissance to 1800, British Portraiture and Victorian



VICTORIA'S PLUM: With husband Albert and their five children in 1846, by Franz Xaver Winterhalter above; Caravaggio's The Calling of Saints, found tucked away at Hampton Court, left; right, Queen Elizabeth with Netherlands' Queen Maxima and King Willem-Alexander visiting the Collection in 2018



Glorious treasures of the world's largest private art collection

In 1962, the doors were opened for the first time... since then, more than five million visitors have been enthralled by its exhibits

paintings. King Charles I amassed one of the greatest collections of Italian Renaissance art, acquiring past works by Titian, Holbein, Dürer and Mantegna, van Dyck and Rubens.

The biggest threat to the Collection came following his execution when large parts of it were sold off by Oliver Cromwell.

Some paintings were lost forever. However, when Charles II restored the Monarchy in 1660, he was able to retrieve many paintings. The most beguiling

examples from the Italian Renaissance include Giovanni Bellini's Virgin and Child with Saint Peter, Saint Mark, and a Donor, which depicts a biblical scene. Dating back to 1505, it now hangs in London's Royal Academy of Arts.

Other important works from this period include The Triumphs of Caesar, nine huge artworks painted by Andrea Mantegna, now housed at Hampton Court Palace and Leonardo da Vinci's ink-drawn Study of

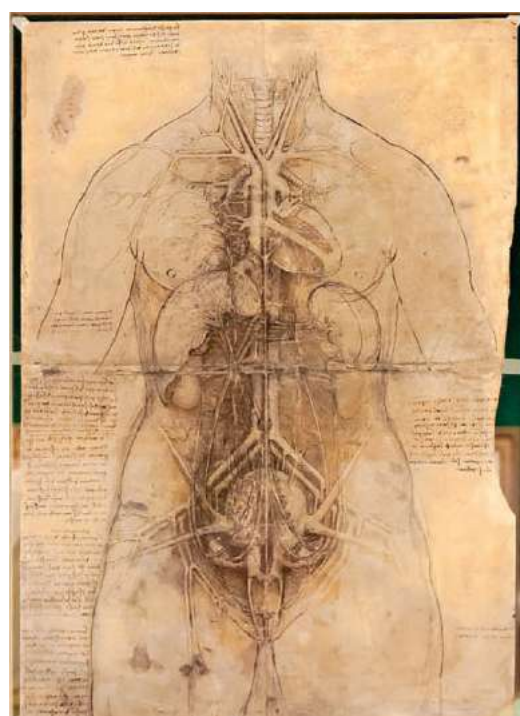
Heart, renowned for its intricate representation of the human heart.

The Dutch Golden Age is also well represented. Among the most significant paintings is Johannes Vermeer's A Lady at the Virginal with a Gentleman – also called The Music Lesson – believed to have been painted between 1662 and 1664 and one of the Collection's most famous works.

It is one of only 34 surviving pictures by the Dutch artist, best known for A Girl with



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PRIDE OF PLACE: The Royal Collection includes this priceless Leonardo da Vinci anatomical drawing and a Colonnade egg by Peter Carl Fabergé, part of a prized treasury acquired as gifts



a Pearl Earring and considered one of the all-time great painters because of his deft use of light in his brushstrokes.

George III acquired *The Music Lesson* in 1762 in a moment of serendipity as it was mistakenly recorded as Frans van Mieris the Elder until its correct identification in 1866 – it now resides in the Picture Gallery at Buckingham Palace.

Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were also key contributors of royal

paintings, particularly in portraiture. Victoria's preferred artist was the German painter Franz Xaver Winterhalter, known for his flattering depictions of royalty.

Her favourite portrait of his was believed to be *The Royal Family* in 1846, a remarkably intimate portrait of her and Albert with their then five children sprawled around them in natural poses.

Elsewhere, there is a portrait of Queen Mary I by Anthonis Mor, a lavish painting of

Queen Elizabeth I and a self-portrait of Peter Paul Rubens, especially commissioned for Charles I.

Miniatures were particularly popular from the 16th century to the 19th century. Henry VII owned pieces by Lucas Hornebolte and Hans Holbein the Younger.

Sadly, only half of the 80 miniatures commissioned by Charles I were recovered by his son following the Restoration.

QUEEN Elizabeth II more recently added to the 3,000 in the Collection, including a portrait of the architect Hugh May by Samuel Cooper and John Hoskins' *Queen Henrietta Maria*. Four bold colour screen prints by Andy Warhol depicting the monarch at her Silver Jubilee in 1977 were acquired in 2012.

The Collection's drawings, watercolours and prints were collected by three principal monarchs: Charles II, who acquired the Holbeins and Da Vincis, Charles III and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

The majority are kept in the Print Room at Windsor Castle.

Highlights of the print collection include a two-metre length woodcut of the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I's triumphal procession, published in 1523, the 20,000 "Engraved Royal Portraits" encompassing every royal house of Europe, and George III's array of military maps.

Fabergé eggs, long-coveted throughout history, were similarly adored by the Royal Family, most recently by the Queen Mother, who added bibelots, flower ornaments, presentation boxes and photo frames.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert

purchased two of the Easter Eggs in the collection – the Colonnade Egg and the Basket of Flowers egg.

The third one is the intricate Mosaic Egg, measuring 9.5cm by 7cm, one of a series of 50 eggs made for the personal consumption of the Russian royal family.

The dazzling mesh is formed of gold and precious gems including diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires. It was purchased by George V in 1933 for £250, probably as a birthday present for Queen Mary.

Its value is currently unknown but is likely to run into the millions of pounds.

Despite its treasures, the Trust has been beset by financial woes of late thanks to the pandemic. It lost £64million in revenue in 2020/21 after Covid forced all the royal residences to close their doors to the public.

The two surveyors who ran the collection – Desmond Shawe-Taylor, the Surveyor of The Queen's Pictures, and Rufus Bird, the Surveyor of The Queen's Works of Art – were made redundant that same year.

Further losses of £15million were incurred last year but the Trust reports that it hopes to return to surplus for the 2022-23 financial year. And there are promising signs that this will become reality with visitor numbers up to 737,000 in 2021/22 from 155,000 in 2020/21.

In the Trust's latest annual report, Charles – both his accession – wrote of taking "great pleasure" in watching the "gradual return of visitors to our sites this year and to witness The Royal Collection Trust's programme of exhibitions, events and activities resume with energy and enthusiasm".

With the Queen's sad passing, the numbers are certain to rise as people pay their respects to the monarch who served her country so diligently.

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MULTI-COLOURED MONARCH: One of Andy Warhol's Queen portraits, four of the series were purchased in 2012 by the Royal Collection to mark the Diamond Jubilee. Front cover, Chris Levine's stunning Lightness Of Being 3D image



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 1926 - 2022

